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All quiet

on the

West End

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By Stephen Farrell.

KATHRYN KNIGHT

AND JOANNA BALE

ENGLAND'S rush-hour

rooms last night as an estimat-

ed 20 million viewers gathered in front of their televisions to

watch the Euro 96 semi-final.

By 7.30pm, a calm descend-

ed on the thoroughfares of

London, punctuated by shouts

early exit from the office to

If you could not see the

match, you could hear it on

radios blaring commentary

from taxis sporting red and

white streamers, newsagents

On The Strand, normally

packed bumper-to-bumper by 7.30 on a weekday night, a few

showing Sunset Boulevard, returns were snapped up by

American and Australian

In the City, even the Tub was quiet as workers left in

packs at 5.30 and went straight to the nearest pub. Gavin Race, a 25-year-old banker, said, Most of the

managers left for "meetings"

at 4 o'clock to check out France

v Czechoslovakia. The under-

Pubs reported a roaring

at 6pm and never returned.

Screens at the All England

Club relayed tennis matches

and results as usual, while

the

save their viewing seats.

and pizza parlours.

tourists.

England pay the final penalty

BY JOHN GOODBODY AND ADRIAN LEE

ENGLAND slithered out of the European football champ-ionship amid frustration and profound disappointment last night, when Germany won their Wembley semi-final on

On a night of intense drama. England were deprived of victory in the cruellest possible fashion. After the first five players from each side had scored from their penalties, Gareth Southgate had his shot saved by Andreas Koepke. Andy Moller then scored to give Germany victory. The two teams had finished !-! after extra time.

The result was a massive blow to Terry Venables in what proved to be his last game as England coach, and Germany will now meet the Czech Republic, surprise winners in the other semi-final over France, in the final at Wembley on Sunday.

The most celebrated sports event to be staged in Britain since England's 42 World



Bryant's Eye Euro 96 guide.

Cup victory over West Germany in 1966, seemed to bring the country to a standstill as an estimated 26 million television viewers watched the game at home or in pubs which had laid on a celebra-

tory evening.

The match is expected to have been a record for any sports event televised in Britain, breaking the previous highest figure of 25.2 million, when England met West Germany in the World Cup semi-final in Turin in 1990, when England lost on a penal-

ty shoot-out. Viewers included the Prime Minister — who was hoping for a "thumping England win" — and Prince William — all boys at Eton were given special permission to watch last night. Engineers at the

ENGLAND'S Euro 96 victory

over Spain last Saturday was

followed by a sharp rise in

support for the Conservatives

to the highest level for three

years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, undertaken over

last weekend, puts the Tories



England players and supporters celebrating after Alan Shearer (arms raised) headed the first goal last night to consolidate his position as the tournament's top scorer

National Grid in Wokingham also watched to adjust the electricity supply to cope with

the sudden surges.

Among the celebrities who arrived at Wernbley through the North London traffic jams. were Pele and Henry Kissinger, the former US Secretary of State. Both had bodyguards

to escort them to their seats. The vibrant 76,000-strong crowd was rewarded with a evenly-balanced game, which was perfectly in the historical

Support for the Tories

hits three-year peak

By PETER RIDDELL

on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has

slipped two points to 52 per

cent, with the Liberal Demo-

crats dropping three to 12 per

cent. However, MORI's breakdown of the figures

shows that Tory support was

29 per cent on Friday and

Saturday, rising to 33 per cent

The Labour lead over the

Tories has now narrowed

from 27 to 21 points, its lowest

level since Tony Blair was elected Labour leader. al-

though Mr Blair's personal

The MORI economic opti-

mism index — its "feel-good" indicator — is now at its highest level since August

1994, the Government's

approval rating is its best since August 1992 and John

Major's personal approval

rating is the highest since January 1993 — although all

are still in minus numbers.

after the quarter-final.

rating has not declined.

context of the sharply-edged matches between the two countries

England had got exactly the start they wanted: a goal after only three minutes. Alan Shearer headed home his fifth goal of the tournament after Tony Adams had flicked a Paul Gascoigne corner into the goalmouth. However, the Germans, who were without their first-choice strikers Jurgen Klinsmann and Fredi Bobic through injury, equal-

Q How would you vote if there were a general

MORI interviewed 1.846 adults at 1.44 word sampling points on June 2! to 34. Voting intention figures exclude 10% who say they would not wole. Pb who are undecided and 3% who refused to say.

ised after 16 minutes when Stefan Kuntz outsprinted Stuart Pearce to convert a curling cross from defender Thomas

England dominated the pace of the game and came desperately close to scoring several times in extra time.

particularly when Darren Anderton hit the post. Despite the fervour of the occasion, there were no early reports of trouble between rival supporters, who had

Saudis put

up £1.75m

reward

By CHRISTOPHER WALKER

MIDDLE EAST

CORRESPONDENT

SAUDI ARABIA yesterday

offered an unprecedented reward of \$2.7 million (£1.75

million) for information

leading to the capture of the terrorists responsible for

Tuesday night's truck bomb, which killed at least 19

American servicemen and

said it was the largest

reward ever put up in an attempt to solve a terrorist

attack. Although there was

no immediate claim of re-

sponsibility, the perpetrators are thought to have been

Islamic fundamentalists op-

posed to western influence in

the kingdom. President

Weizman of Israel claimed

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that Iran was involved.

Middle East diplomats

injured hundreds more.

clashed so often when the tournament was held in Germany in 1988. The Metropolitan Police reported only ten arrests, none of them for violence. However, the Euro 96 Intelligenge Unit also arrested a German tout as he was preparing to resell 300 seats in his London hotel.

Tours were asking up to £300 for a £50 seat before the game. The Czech Republic upset France in the other semi-final, which was played in front of

43,877 spectators at Old Trafford yesterday afternoon. France, winners of the tournament in 1984 and unbeaten in their previous 27 internationals, lost on a penalty shoot-out after the two teams had drawn

0-0 after extra time. The Czechs had not been expected to beat the French, let alone to reach the final. They had been 80-1 outsiders to win the championship earlier this

Journalist killed in 'revenge' shooting

By AUDREY MAGES, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN IRISH woman journalist investigating drug barons and the Dublin underworld was shot dead yesterday in a gangland-style killing.

It is believed that Veronica Guerin, 33, an award-winning reporter with the Sunday In-dependent, was killed by criminals she had written about.

Ms Guerin, who was married with a six-year-old son, was returning from a court case at lunchtime yesterday. As she stopped at traffic lights on the the outskirts of Dublin two men on a motorbike with false plates pulled up beside her. The pillion passenger got off the bike and shot at her through the driver's window. She died almost immediately.

Police said she was mur-dered by professionals but ruled out any paramilitary involvement. They were yes terday searching for a south Dublin gang.

Most of her work focused on

Dublin criminals involved in drugs and major theft. She described their work, family life and personal finance.

In 1994, she wrote about a man named The Monk and his involvement in a £3 million robbery, the largest in the Irish Republic. Shortly after the article she was shot in the leg by a masked intruder who burst into her home. She has also written in detail about a south Dublin figure called The Walrus who is one of the top five drug dealers in the

country.

Aengus Fanning, the editor of the Sunday Independent. said Ms Guerin had refused 24-hour police protection after

the 1995 shooting.
"She insisted on her freedom to do her job. Armed only with her pen, that is what she set out to do," Mr Fanning

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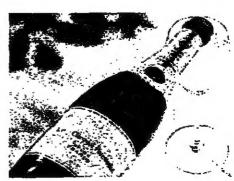
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Bickering brothers in arms stage nightmarish preview of devolution

the parliamentary Lyears the locusts will eat, if or when a Labour Government tries to bring in Scottish devolution, occurred yesterday afternoon at the

Commons. It was 3.30. On a Point of Order Michael Martin (Lab. Springburn) raised a complaint about a fellow Scot, Alex Salmond (SNP, Banff & Buchan) and two members of the Scottish National Party, which Salmond leads. The nationalist trio had apparently

nightmare preview of Scottish Standing Committee the parliamentary on a Scottish Education bill and, though they were not members of it, refused to

> Tony Newton, Leader of the House, moved a motion empowering the chairman of the committee to remove such people and a short debate followed in which embarrassed and angry Scots Labour MPs ganged up with government MPs to squash the SNP, easily winning the vote which followed.

But Alex Salmond, the lead-

Party, who started by implying that as a Scot he took no interest in the England-Germany semi-final, made an impassioned and part-convincing speech.

The point he and fellowprotesters were making was a simple one, he said: several MPs for English constituencies sat on the Scottish Standing Committee, yet the legislation it was examining related only to Scotland. Why should English MPs be decid-

ing Scottish matters? "It's an affront," said

which had not been discussed

by the Shadow Cabinet.

George Galloway, Labour MP

for Hillhead, said: "I'm very

angry about it, in common

with a very large number of my colleagues. There has been no consultation about it. It

flies utterly in the face of our

Many MPs feared that the

new proposal was a signal that Mr Blair intended to

delay or ditch the plans alto-

gether. But Mr Robertson

insisted: There will be no

slippage. There will be no

delay. There will be no ob-

structionism and there will be

no alteration to the firm

commitment to delivering the

legislation on a Scottish Par-

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the Scottish parliament we

create is going to be secure, will have a long life and will be

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stincts of some right-wing

terday appeared to back away

from their opposition to a

referendum on devolution. While both Paddy Ashdown, the leader, and Jim Wallace,

the party's Scottish spokes-

man, emphasised that they

favoured securing popular consent through a general

election, they refused to say

whether or not they would

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are not qualified to do so Scots MPs sniped at each should be allowed to debate and decide. "Why involve English MPs in "specifically Scottish matters".

Because it's our money!" shouted Peter Luff (C. Worcester), referring to the subsidy which English MPs insist that Scotland as a whole enjoys from the Treasury.

Throughout what followed,

other in an often personal way. George Foulkes (Lab. Carrick, Cumnock & Doon Valley) accused SNP members of failing to pull their weight on committees, while Salmond insisted that he did volunteer.

Salmond insisted that his party's logic was consistent: their MPs never voted on specifically English matters.

English business." There followed an ill-tempered dispute over why, in that case, the SNP had voted on English nursery school provision ...

... And the debate spluttered angrily on. For much of the time it took the aspect of an internal dispute between Scots, with English MPs looking on with ill-concealed amusement, intervening mischievously to stir things up. Labour's front bench appeared dismayed and irritated. Ann Taylor, the Shadow Leader of the House, said that -juvenile". But nobody challenged

Salmond's twice-made assertion that the participation of English MPs in Scottish affairs was "a running sore". Rightly or wrongly, it has been. And nobody challenged the logic of Salmond's conjunction that if English MPs were to be banned from Scottish business. then Scots MPs should keep out of English business.

Under the Opposition's plans for a devolved Scottish Parliament, English MPs will

second half of Mr Salmond's conjunction hung in the air. Half way through the debate, Labour's Tam Dalyell, previously MP for West Lothian: (now for Linlithgow) drifted in, sat down, and watched

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silently. Like Banquo's ghost Dalyell, whose "West Lothian Question" - Salmond's conjunction - helped to wreck the last Labour Government's devolution plans, haunted us: a baleful portent of things to

turned up for a meeting of a er of the Scottish National Salmond, "that people who Labour softens tax powers of Scots' national assembly

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR will pledge today to let the people of Scotland decide if they want their own parliament and whether it should have tax-raising powers. In a policy shift, George Robertson, the Shadow Scottish Secretary, will announce that the party will hold a referendum in the first months of a Labour

government. But, in a bid to defuse the Tory campaign against Labour's "Tartan tax", the referendum will also seek a mandate for any tax-raising powers. It will pose two questions: "Do you want to have a Scottish Parliament?" and "Do you think it should have tax-raising powers?"

The plan was attacked by Labour MPs, who claimed that they had not been consulted about a scheme which "flew in the face of existing policy".

John Major revised a speech

on the constitution last night to accuse Labour of "retreating and dodging" the argument. "The Opposition wriggle and turn to try to avoid answering the questions that expose the folly of their plans," he said.

Tony Blair hopes to wrongfoot Mr Major by getting the biggest possible public backing for a Scottish Parliament and making it more difficult for a future government to reverse the plans. He is confident that the

Scots will overwhelmingly

support devolution. But the decision to let the Scots decide if their parliament should have the power to raise or cut taxes by 3p which is current Labour policy is a significant softening of the party's position.

Over the past six months a committee of senior frontbenchers, including Mr Rob-ertson, and Donald Dewar. the Shadow Chief Whip, has been mulling over the best way of watering down a longstanding, but potentially damaging, policy. Mr Dewar confirmed last night that the vote would be for Scots only and would be won or lost on a simple majority. The Labour leadership has

recently made clear that taxraising powers would not be used in the first parliament. But Mr Blair is determined to stop the Tories exploiting the issue by insisting that the parliament would have no taxraising powers if the Scottish people decided against it.

He is expected to allay any fears that Labour intends to break up the United Kingdom when he speaks in Edinburgh on Friday. He will also confirm that the party plans a referendum on a Welsh

assembly. Last night Scottish Labour MPs demanded a meeting with Mr Robertson so that he would explain the new policy. Wimbledon title goes to rank outsider

BY ALAN HAMILTON

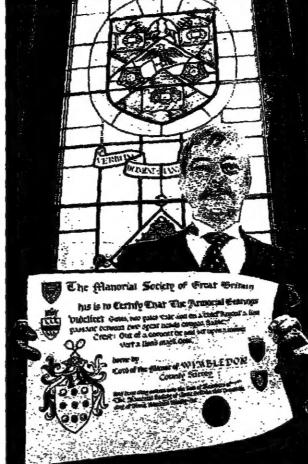
anonymous telephone bidder yesterday paid £188,000 for the lordship of the manor of Wimbledon, an ancient title which has nothing to do with tennis.

Pointedly sold during Wim-bledon formight, and with several leading players in-cluding Boris Becker rumoured to be among the would-he purchasers, the title was offered by Earl Spencer, brother of the Princess of Wales, to help pay for essen-tial repairs at the family seat of Althorp, Northampton-

The price - £171,000 before buyer's premium and more than three times its pre-sale estimate - far exceeds the previous record of £110,000 paid by an American for the lordship of the manor of Stratford-upon-Avon. Lordships, which come

with no money or lands, and only occasionally the most vestigial feudal rites, are now common currency at auction as the aristocracy unloads its unwanted baggage. Wimble-don was sold in ten minutes of bidding between two telephone hopefuls in the suitably manorial setting of Stationers' Hall a City livery company. Robert Smith, the auctioneer, played to the packed house by wearing a wing collar.
Bidding, which, was be-

tween two agents, opened at £25,000, and climbed sometimes in £100 steps and sometimes in thousands, until the agent in the brown suit on the



Robert Smith, who conducted the auction

mobile phone gave way to the man in a black suit on the terrestrial phone. Mr Smith, who also represents the Manorial Society of Great Britain, which promotes lordships of the manor, conceded afterwards that he thought it would go for £100,000.

The lordship of Wimbledon dates from the Domesday Book of 1086. It was seized by Henry VIII at the Dissolution of the Monasteries, sold to a director of the South Sea Company in the 18th century, and, when that bubble burst, was bought by Sarah Churchill, wife of the first Duke of Mariborough, who left it to the Spencer family in 1744.

The new owner of the lordship may style him or herself Lord of Wimbledon, or Lord of the Manor of Wimbledon, and may even put the title in his or her passport. But he or she owns nothing, cannot call him or herself Lord, cannot expect a seat in the Lords, cannot wear ermine, and definitely cannot expect any favours from the All England Club.

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Reporter paid high price for dedication

BY AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE award-winning Irish journalist shot dead in Dublin yesterday uncovered some of the country's most notorious

Veronica Guerin, 33, nicknamed most of her subjects as way of getting around the libel laws. By using names such as The Monk and The Walrus, she was able to go into detail about the men, their families and their finances.

Most of her work concentrated on Dublin men dealing in drugs, although she has written on the IRA. Last Sunday she awrote that a Dublin IRA member sanctioned the robbery in Adare. Co Limerick, in which the policeman Jerry McCabe was shot dead.

Much of what she wrote landed her in trouble. Last December she was shot in the right thigh by a masked man who called at her cottage in Cloughran, Co Dublin, Guerin and detectives believe a Dublin criminal she exposed was responsible.

Shots were fired at her house on a number of occasions and last year she was beaten up when she went to interview a known criminal in Kill. Co Kildare. She persisted with her reports, rejecting

suggestions that she was a target. "I don't feel that I did anything differently to what any other journalist has done," she said shortly after

the shooting last year. Numerous death threats have been made to other Dublin journalists, including those at the Irish Times. Sunday World and the Star. Ms Guerin trained as an

accountant. She entered journalism six years ago after a brief period as a researcher with Fianna Fail, the Opposition party. She worked with the Sunday Business Post and the Sunday Tribune before joining the Sunday Indepen-dent. She seldom worked from the newsroom, preferring instead to work alone. She had a good working relationship

with the police. Sam Smyth, a colleague, said she was completely dedi-cated. She really, really enjoyed her work. I have never seen anybody get as much fun out of work."

Last year she was awarded the International Press Freedom Award from the International Committee to Protect Journalists. She was married to Graham Turley, a construction worker. They had one child, Cathal, aged seven.

Portillo under fire over sale of service quarters

AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MICHAEL PORTILLO was facing one of his toughest challenges since becoming Defence Secretary as he tried to persuade sceptical Tory backbenchers yesterday to support his plan to sell 60,000 service married quarters.

He summoned a hastily arranged press conference at the Ministry of Defence to explain why he was determined to continue with the sale, despite more than 60 Tory MPs signing a Commons motion demanding further consultation with service families and final approval from both Houses.

With four bids already in from interested consortiums and the decision on the winning bid due to be announced in the first week of August, Mr Portillo made it clear that he could not afford any further delays. He conceded that a small number of MPs had reservations", but claimed that most of the 65 who signed a critical Commons motion had done so because they needed further xplanation.

However, fellow ministers conceded that he might have to water down the proposals to win backbench support. One said: "There's no question of dropping it, but it may have to be more attractive." One option is to increase the amount being spent on refurbishing and improving married quarters above the £100 million promised by John Major on Tuesday.

More than a dozen MPs have already withdrawn their names from the Commons motion. Some have been persuaded to do so after being promised a Commons debate.

However, hardline Tory that they would support the plans only if there was full consultation and if a debate was followed by a formal vote. They criticised Mr Portillo for taking an aggressive stance after he said it would be "irresponsible" to back down. Government sources have suggested that the campaign, backed by many of John Redwood's supporters. is being co-ordinated by the former Cabinet minister in an

effort to embarrass Mr

Portillo. Mr Redwood has

dismissed the suggestion. Mr Portillo said that the El.6 billion expected from the sale had been taken into account as part of the Government's overall financial strategy. Apart from the damage an aborted sale would do to the Chancellor's ability to introduce tax cuts before the general election, MoD sources said there were fears that impending procurement contracts could be affected.

A series of defence orders are due to be announced over the next few weeks. They include a £650 million contract for an air-faunched conventionally armed stand-off missile and a £725 million anti-armour weapon.

FREVENDEN EN Competition to rebuild bombed city

Ideas for rebuilding Manchester city centre are to be thrown open to an international competition, Michael Heseltine said yesterday. The Deputy Prime Minister, on a visit to see the extent of the damage, said the IRA bomb had produced a "perhaps unique" chance to build a city for the 21st century.

After touring the shattered: shopping and business centre and talking to civic leaders. Mr Heschine rold a news conference: "There will be an international competition to provide a range of ideas for an innovative concept and I have agreed that we in central government will help to finance that competition.

Tube strike could cause standstill

Hundreds of thousands of London commuters face disrupted journeys to work today striking Underground train drivers threaten to bring the network to a standstill.

A one-day stoppage by 2,000 Aslef drivers could inflict the worst transport disruption on the capital for seven years, although London Transport hopes to run a limited service. Aslef union: leaders ordered the action in a dispute about working hours.

Renewed hope in postal dispute

A second postal strike will go ahead from noon today but hopes of resolving the dispute were raised yesterday when calling further walkouts.

Aian Johnson, joint general secretary of the Communication Workers Union, said he hoped a period of calm reflec-tion would allow a settlement to, be achieved. He said negotiations with the Royal Mail earlier this week had been useful.

Mental patients increase by half

The number of people compulsorily admitted to psychi-atric hospital over the past five years has risen by 55 per cent. Government figures showed yesterday. There was also a 29 per cent rise in voluntary admissions and a three-fold rise for private mental nursing bornes

The Department of Health statistics showed the number of formal admissions to all facilities rose from 17,400 in 1989-90 to 27,100 in 1994-95.

Airline collapse blamed on media

Excalibur Airways, the charter airline whose passengers refused to fly to Florida this week on a 23-year-old DC-10 delayed by a series of technical problems, went into liquidation last night.

Liquidators Deloitte and Touche blamed "sensationalised media coverage" of the . delays for the collapse, which has stranded hundreds of passengers who were due to

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More primary pupils in big classes

By DAVID CHARTER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ALMOST a third of primary school pupils are being taught in classes of over 30 after a big increase in sizes over last year. Twenty per cent more child-

ren are in groups bigger than 35, while the number in classes of 31 or more has risen by 9 per cent to 1.26 million, according to government figures

disclosed yesterday.

Teachers claimed the figures showed the impact of the Government's squeeze on local authority budgets in recent years. A survey for the National Union of Teachers showed 9,000 teachers were made redundant in the summer term last year.

In secondary schools, the number of students in classes

of 31 or more rose by 17 per cent to 234,800, while those in groups of 36 or more fell from 4,500 to 3,400, according to the 1996 provisional figures for England published by the Department for Education and Employment.

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the NUT, said: "This is the sixth year running that class sizes have deteriorated. This Government cannot claim it is interested in standards while it reduces opportunities for every child by allowing this situation to worsen." Education was not being properly funded.

A spokesman for the department echoed the views of Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, who said earlier this year that class size had little impact on the quality

added: "The number of primary school children in classes over 35 is 90,000 lower than in 1079. There are less very small classes now which has kept down the average in the past."

He said several factors accounted for recent rises, including local authority decisions on how to split funding between primary and secondary schools and parents sending their children to pop-

The figures show the percentage of all primary school children in classes of 31 or above rose from 26.1 in 1986 to 31.8 this year. The average primary class size is now Zi 3 children, compared with 25.5 in 1986.

The average secondary school class size has remained

of education. The spokesman fairly static over ten years. rising slightly from 20.6 to 21.6 pupils. Although the number of secondary pupils in large classes has shown an annual rise, it is three-quarters of the total in 1986.



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year was intended to cause maximum embarrassment to Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, a

Rose, 46. jailed for life in 1991. claimed later that, once out, he intended to publicise his campaign against Mr Howard's decision to

Rose and Anthony Rodger, 46, jailed for life for murder by the Old Bailey in 1987, deny breaking out of Parkhurst in January 1995. They

lengthened their sentences. Rodger der and contemplated suicide after his 12-year tarrif was increased to 17. Rose learnt that instead of serving a minimum of 17 years, he would never be released.

Anthony Davis, for the prosecuting, at Woolwich Crown Court, southeast London, said that Rodger, Rose and a third inmate, Matthew Williams, all of whom were on D-wing, plotted for weeks before their escape on January 3. For five days

they evaded capture on the Isle of Wight, but failed to start two light aircraft at Sandown airfield and flee the island. Most of their time on the run was spent in a dilapidated gazebo in a garden in Ryde.

Mr Davis said that Rose and Williams had already made a duplicate key when they ap-proached Rodger, a good welder, to training centre. On the evening of prisoners attending a gym session.

They were caught after being spotted by Chris Jones, an off-duty prison officer, who recognised the

only the prospect of escape stopped him committing suicide. The disorder had been caused by Mr Howard's decision to increase the tariff on his sentence.

Roger Price, defending Rose, said he learnt in 1994 that his tariff had been superseded and a decision taken that he should never be released. His defence is that he

Hamilton sexually abused boy, 12, on boat

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

THE first claim that the gunman Thomas Hamilton sexually abused a young boy came on the twenty-first day of the Dunblane inquiry yesterday when an anonymous witness statement alleging an attack by Hamilton was read to Lord Cullen.

In it a man told how, as a twelve-year-old schoolboy, he was abused on Hamilton's boat on Loch Lomond during a ten-day trip with about seven other boys. The witness said Hamilton summoned him to his cabin and sexually abused

read, Ian Bonomy, QC, senior Crown counsel who is leading the evidence, said that details of the statement could not be corroborated. The man who made it had a conviction for a

The man said he attended the Rovers Group run by the killer in Bannockburn, Stirling, in the summer a trip was organised to Loch Lomond for about eight boys. He had been particularly frightened on the trip when Hamilton had thrown boys off the boat with a rope tied round them. He had pretended to be ill and

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"That night I was told to report to Hamilton's cabin. I only had on my underpants. He had a sort of telescopic pointer device he used to point at a map or a chart and he was pointing it at me and he told me I'd better behave.

ordered to lie face down on the bed by Hamilton who was dressed only in shorts. It was then that the attack took place. Afterwards he was allowed to

go.
"It has affected me badly

THE escape of three convicted murderers from Parkhurst jail last

court was told yesterday.

The prosecution said that Keith

had added that the IRA breakout from Whitemoor four months earlier was his inspiration. The three prisoners identified and exploited weaknesses in security, making a duplicate pass key and a ladder without being detected.

Government changed the rules and

make the ladder in the vocational the escape the three were among 31

ly and clearly obstructive" to prison officers and were slow to leave. Mr Davis said. The three had time to unlock the rear door and enter the workshop, where the ladder had been hidden. They cut a hole in the interior fence and used the ladder to scale the 14ft outer wall.

walk of one of the men. Adrian Fulford, QC, defending acted as a result of duress of circumstances." The trial continues.

Family of victim says manslaughter verdict undervalues life of promising young officer Jury finds police killer not guilty on murder charge

AND EMMA WILKINS

THE family of a trainee police officer whose career was cut short by a Jamaican gunman yesterday expressed outrage that his killer was found not guilty of murder.

PC Phillip Walters, a 28year-old probationer, was shot through the heart by Ray Lee after being called to investigate a "domestic incident" at a house in Ilford, Essex. Lee, 30, a suspected member

of a Yardie drugs gang whose true identity remains hidden behind a string of aliases, was found guilty of the man-slaughter of PC Walters by the jury at the Old Bailey. He was cleared of murder. He had claimed in his defence that his Smith and Wesson revolver had gone off inadvertently during a struggle with PC Walters and his partner PC Derek Shepherd, 35.

After Lee was jailed for a total of 18 years by Judge Goddard, the victim's family and friends condemned the 10-2 majority verdict. Helen Rossiter, his girlfriend, said that if she had been a police officer she would have resigned in disgust at the jury's

person and he was totally devoted to his job as a policeman." She felt that his life had been undervalued in the judimember of the public should



PC Phillip Walters with Helen Rossiter

call if they place such a disgustingly low value on police officers' lives." His father Colin called for the routine use of body armour for officers on patrol but said his son opposed the arming of the

PC Walters was one of four officers called to the incident in Empress Avenue, Ilford, by a neighbour who had heard shouts and screams from a nearby flat. Lee, who had been hired to beat up one of its occupants, was confronted in the street as he tried to run off. Neither officer had any idea their adversary was armed.

PC Shepherd moved in to years ago. He showed no

him once he had been brought under control. Lee resisted and there was a struggle between the pair during which Lee's gun was fired twice. One bullet grazed PC Shepherd's knee and then hit PC Walters in the chest. A second shot gave PC Shepherd a flesh

PC Shepherd told the court: I just saw a flash and heard a bang and saw sparks. I felt a burning sensation in my right knee and thought he had shot me. I saw PC Walters was holding his chest." After the second shot, the

fficer managed to get his hand on the gun. He said: "He had fired twice already, so I managed to get my hand on the hammer. I tried to take his finger off the trigger with my index finger but I did not

But Peter Feinberg, QC, defending Lee, suggested that PC Shepherd had blocked out the "tragedy" and that it was he who actually pulled the trigger. Mr Feinberg said: "It was your firing of that gun which caused the death of PC Walters." PC Shepherd replied: "I am

positive I did not." After his arrest Lee was found to have seven identities claimed to be born in Trinidad but is thought to have come from Jamaica and to have entered Britain illegally two to eight years for charges relating to the incident inside the house and ten years for the manslaughter of PC Walters. After his release, Lee will be deported.

His victim was a promising probationary policeman who was a former flight supervisor with British Midland. PC Walters, from Hertfordshire, had joined the Metropolitan Police 18 months earlier and won the police training school's baton of honour as the outstanding graduate of his year. A martial arts expert, he had previously arrested a robber knowing a gun had been used in the crime.

'After his death Sir Paul Condon, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, said the officer had been "one of life's

Case of the jury from hell

PC Walters' father Colin and his half-sister Laura at the press conference yesterday where he attacked the sentence

BY STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

OLD Bailey officials and lawyers greeted the end of the second Ray Lee trial yesterday with relief. They remember the collapse of the first trial and the six men and six women nicknamed "the jury from hell".

The jury, drawn from east London and the Catford area of south London, earned the which led Judge Michael Coombe, 65, to remark he had never experienced anything and on the bench.

court but the real problems began once the jury retired. First there was a dispute about smoking in the jury room. On the third day, the court discovered the jury had yet to complete reviewing the evidence. A series of anony-mous notes revealed that one huror would not listen to the arguments of the others. Another refused to stay in the jury room with the

Judge Coombe told them no juror could refuse to take part. After three-quarters of an to report most of the jury could continue but someone

could continue but one needed to see a doctor and another needed a prescription. The judge said the jury could have the rest of the day off but eventually they announced they could continue. As they prepared to finish for the day, however, they asked to be sent to a hotel with a gymnasium.

was still undecided. Later the

jury announced that they

On the fourth day Judge Coombe gave the jury a majority direction to try to break the deadlock. One young juror fainted. After five pletely divided and the jury

frozen with fear".

Before the statement was serious crime of dishonesty, he

stayed in his cabin.

"He began to touch me between my legs and my private paris and I was very scared. I started to cry. He told me to stop crying or I would be hit with the pointer.'

The man said he was

and has always troubled me," he said. The next day he phoned his mother and homesick. He did not tell her

inquiry into deaths

killed along with two colleagues in Bosnia demanded yesterday a fresh inquiry into their deaths after an inquest jury disagreed with the findings of an Army inquiry. The three men died when

their Saxon armoured personnel carrier rolled out of control on a narrow track and turnbled down the side of a mountain. Privates Christopher Turner, Philip Arm-strong and Martin Dowdell were serving in the Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment as part of the British peacekeeping force guarding the Muslim enclave at Goradze.

THE father of a young soldier A jury returned verdicts of accidental death at an inquest in Salisbury. An Army board of inquiry had recorded the cause of the accident in September 1994 as driver error. However, the inquest jury foreman told David Masters.

the Wiltshire coroner: "We didn't consider the driving skills of Private Dowdell to be in any way inadequate." Geoffrey Armstrong, father of Phillip, said after the hear-

ing: "The verdict was predictable... But we feel the vehicle they were using was inappro-priate." He said he would be trying to have the internal board of inquiry either reopened or reconvened.

Father seeks fresh | French port censured over | beaching of Channel ferry

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

A CHANNEL ferry that beached near Calais with 250 passengers and crew on hoard was forced to wait close to the shore in gale-force winds after being given inadequate instructions by the French harbour authorities.

The official investigation into the grounding of the Stena Challenger last September blamed slack monitoring of ship movements at Calais and poor navigation by the ship's officers. The vessel was left stranded at Blériot-Plage for 22 hours before being rescued by tugs without

injuries. The report from the Government's Marine Accident Investigation Branch criticised the "lax attitude to fundamental navigational practice" by the ship's officers, who had allowed the vessel to veer too close to the shore.

However, the accident could have been avoided if the Calais authorities had given clearer instructions to the bridge. Officers were only told that another ferry, the Pride of Burgundy, was about the leave harbour as they made their final approach. As a result, the Stena Chal-

lenger was forced to wait for 17 minutes outside the harbour in a force-eight northeasterly gale which blew it onto the beach. The report urged

French Government to improve surveillance of ships at Calais. "Because the number of ferry movements is expected to increase from its present level of 50 to, maybe, as many as 78 a day in 1996, it is considered important that Calais Port Authority develops the potential to direct all traffic more positively than at

Official's snap decision saves Prince's blushes

By Nicholas Watt, CHIEF IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

graphed photograph of the Prince of Wales standing on the Ciant's Causeway as the Royal Yacht Britannia steamed past was rescued from disaster yesterday by a quick-witted member of his staff. Weeks of planning to provide tourism chiefs with the picture of their dreams were nearly thrown away when the Prince's late arrival meant that Britannia had sailed by before he arrived.

Nervous members of the Prince's staff watched helplessly from the shore as the

A CAREFULLY choreo- crew of the Britannia, accompanied by her escort ship HMS Glasgow, sailed past the Causeway from west to east. unaware that the Prince was behind schedule. As local dignitaries kicked

their heels on the Causeway, a member of his staff frantically tried to contact the crew on his mobile telephone. The official eventually alerted the ship. which managed to turn round and sail back just in time. Britannia and HMS Glasgow duly sailed past the Causeway from east to west as the Prince settled into the Causeway's

"Wishing Chair". Thank God for my mobile, the official said after scores of photographers recorded the historic moment. The Prince was fascinated by the extraordinary rock

formation, which has been declared a World Heritage Site, as he clambered over the six-sided basalt columns. The Prince then followed tradition by wiggling as he made a wish in the "Wishing

Chair", a natural formation

on the rocks. Photograph. page 24



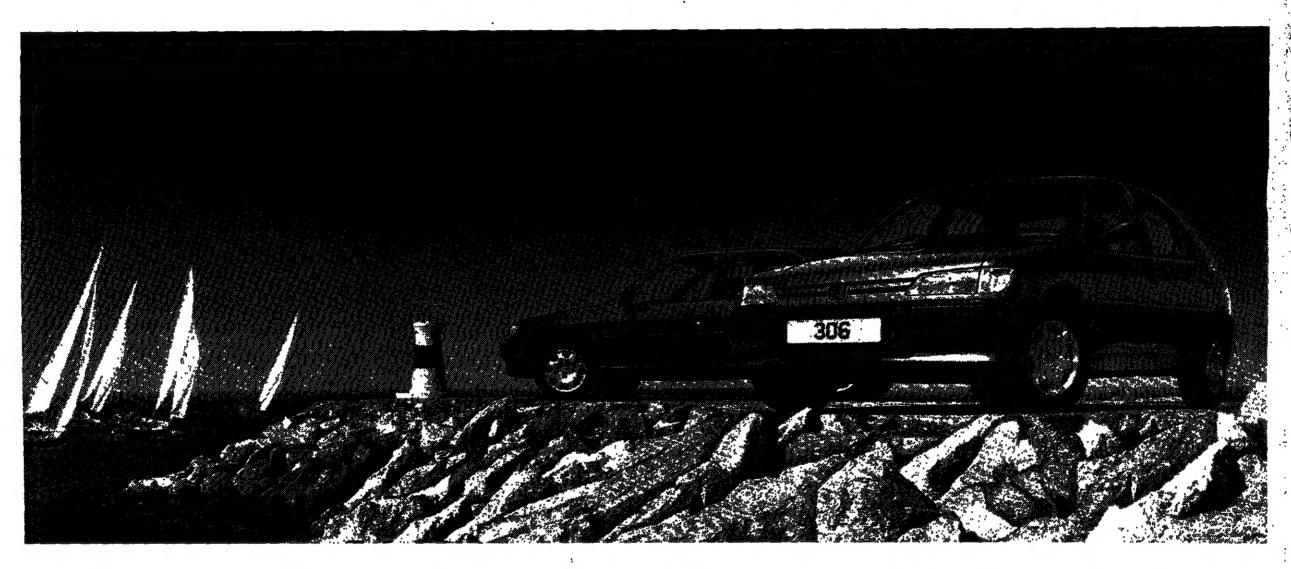






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Little girl 'murdered at end of a perfect day'

By KATE ALDERSON

A GIRL aged seven, abducted from a tent in her uncle's garden after spending a perfect summer's day with her family, was murdered in a crime "which almost defies a court was told

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yesterday. Sophie Hook had travelled with her family to Llandudno in North Wales last July to celebrate her cousin's ninth birthday with a family barbecue, games of charades and a camp fire.

Chester Crown Court was told that a "glorious hot summer's day" ended with Sophie camping with her sister and cousin in the fenced back garden of her uncle Danny Jones's house. Gerard Elias, QC, for the prosecution, said the small girl - she was 4ft lin tall - had settled down for the night in her sleeping bag when Howard Hughes stole into the tent and took her.

The 31-year-old unemployed gardener strangled her and threw her body in the sea. Mr Elias said. Mr Hughes, a single man who lived with his mother in Colwyn Bay, denies raping and murdering the child in the early hours of Sunday, July 30.

'Mr Elias said: "These atrocities reveal a depth of wickedness and depravity and whoever perpetrated them almost defies belief."

The court was told that Sophie's cousin had been given a tent for his birthday by his grandparents and, during the Saturday afternoon the tent was put up in the large garden. "Once erected the children were full of it." Mr Elias said. They pestered their



parents until they agreed that they could sleep in it that night. "It seemed the end of a perfect family day."

During that afternoon, while the children were playing in the garden, Mr Hughes had been seen hovering on the other side of the fence on a bridle path a few yards away. listening to their chanter. In their innocent play these children, wearing little or nothing. had made targets for his

Later that evening, Mr Hughes had returned to Llandudno and allegedly tried to abduct another seven-year-old girl who was playing less than four minutes' cycle ride from the Jones's garden.

At about 12.45am on the night of the attack Mr Jones had checked on the three children and zipped up the tent. He had gone to bed leaving the patto door open

and the garden gate botted. Mr Elias said Mr Hughes took Sophie between 1.30 and 2.30am. He had kept Sophie from calling out by placing his hand over her mouth as he took her from the garden.
It was then that Mr Hugher

raped and murdered Sophie. Mr Elias said. Her death had been caused by manual'strangulation. Her clothes had been taken off. Her body had been washed up on the shore and found by a passer-by shortly violently assaulted and suffered broken arm and extensive bruising.

Mr Hughes had denied any involvment in the murder during five days of questioning in police custody. Mr Elias said that Mr Hughes's father, Gerald, a successful businessman, then visited his son and Mr Hughes subsequently confessed the murder to him and told him where her clothing could be found.

During a search of Mr ughes's home, a collection of children's underwear had been found in a stone wall in the garden. The defendant had an obsession with sex with children," Mr Elias said. He had an intention and a determination at this time to carry his fantasy into reality."

Abandoned cuddly toy was first clue

By KATE ALDERSON

JULIE HOOK, 35. Sophie's Chris received a phone call the mother, said in a written police statement read out in court yesterday: "The sight of 'Blankies', Sophie's cuddly toy in the tent, was the first real evidence she had gone missing. She never went anywhere without it."

She described how the cousins had been very close and regularly contacted each other by telephone and visited one another's homes regularly. "I would describe them as good friends. On occasion we would have sleepovers, swapping the children around_

"Both families had planned to meet on Sunday (the day Sophie's body was found in Chester to see a Barman movie. Sophie and her sister had identical Winnie the Pooh nighties and Sophie wouldn't go anywhere without 'Blan-kies' Because it was such a lovely day Sophie took her clothes off and was running around wearing just her knickers, I went at about 4pm after they cut the birthday cake and sung Happy Birth-day. The children waved

Mrs Hook and her husband

next morning saying Sophie Llandudno and after conferring with police identified their daughter's body.

Mr Hook, 38, said he often warned his children about go-ing with strangers: "We instilled in Sophie how she must not go with strangers. She was wary of people she did not know and I can't believe she would willingly go away from Danny's house, let alone from the garden. She was a healthy child with no medical problems. She had never wandered away or become separated from us in the past."

Danny Jones, Sophie's uncle, said of his niece's last afternoon: "She had been enjoying herself playing charades. They were more like brothers and sisters than cousins. Sophie was just a typical seven-year-old excited about camping out. My son had come back in the house because the others had frightened him talking about ghosts."

None of Sophie's relatives was in court to hear the opening day of evidence.

Broadcasters chided after 'freak shows'

By Alexandra Frean, media correspondent published today and will

BROADCASTING watchdogs are to warn television radio companies against victim entertainment" in which peoples misfortunes and peculiarities are exploited as if they were performers in a Vic-

torian freak show. The warning comes after viewers complaints about the way people with "interesting" medical conditions were shown in documenta-The Broadcasting Standards Council has upheld three complaints on the issue in its bulletin

casters next month when it publishes its annual report. One ruling was against Vanessa, ITV's mid-afternoon chat show presented by Vanessa Feltz, which featured a 16-month-old baby suffering from a condition known as premature sexual maturation. The council said it was uneasy about the display of young children in a talk show with a live studio audience, particularly in a case centring on intimate details.

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Lisa Smith leaving court in Bangkok yesterday with a British Embassy official

Drugs girl freed at cost of £40,000

FROM ANDREW DRUMMOND IN BANGKOK

LOOKING fresh, fit and suntanned, 20-year-old Lisa Smith, the latest Briton to face drugs charges in Thailand, walked from court in Bangkok to a waiting limousine yester-day after being told that there was nothing to stop her flying

The ruling came 12 days after a secretive bail agreement had been arranged by her father, giving her freedom at a cost of £40,000.

Miss Smith was arrested at Bangkok airport in January. Police said originally that she was carrying 4kg of opium and 500 amphetamine tablets. Yesterday she was charged with possessing and trafficking in 4kg of cannabis and 500 amphetamine tablets.

Wearing make-up, a blue tunic and ankle-length white skirt, she contrasted with the procession of foreign prisoners who usually go to court looking pale, often in chains and always wearing drab, brown, prison overalls.

She was allowed to sit not in the dock but next to her three lawyers. After the short hearing her criminal lawyer said: She is only making one plea: not guilty. She will return to

face the charges. She will say

she was framed."
Putri Kuvanonda, repreagreement, said: "She has received bail unconditionally, She is free to go wherever she August 23 for the next hearing If she does not, the family will forfeit the bail and a warrant will be issued for her arrest."

Miss Smith faces between five and 20 years in jail if convicted. In theory, her bail deal allows her to cut and run at any time during her trial. which could last years.

Bail has never before been given to foreigners in heroin or opium cases for that reason. But the £40,000 bond is four times that paid into court by Joseph McCracken, a Scot currently on trial for murder.

Within 24 hours of Miss Smith's arrest, her father, Terence, chief executive of National Mutual Assurance (Asia), based in Hong Kong, arrived with her mother to take care of her case and appoint lawyers.

He has since asked British Embassy officials and lawyers



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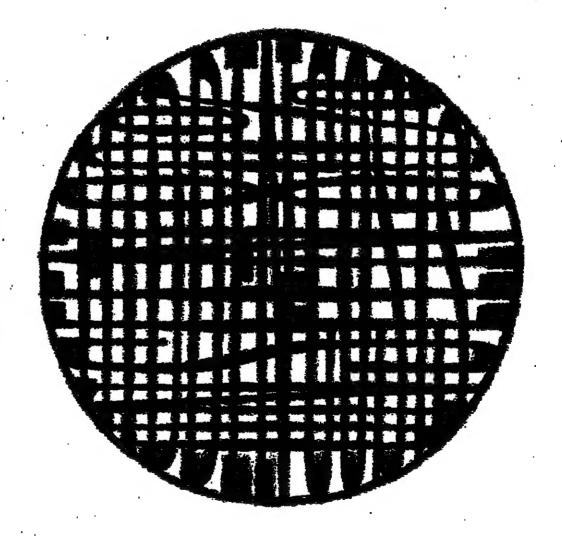
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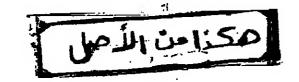
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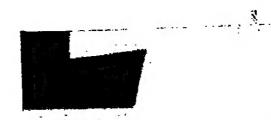


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Tycoon gets go-ahead for

Scotland's first goldmine

Regional trends survey

Poor man of Europe still lags behind Continent

By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

Yorkshire, Humberside, the

East Midlands and East An-

glia are among the highest in

Europe.
The richest region of Europe is Hamburg, followed by Ile

de France and Luxembourg.

The tiny, densely populated

north German state is home to

1.7 million people who each

have almost twice as much to

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MOST of the United Kingdom is poorer than the rest of the European Union, with only the South East and East Anglia wealthier than the continental average.

The first detailed survey of trends in the expanded Europe of 15 states shows spending power in Britain lagging far behind many member states while lifestyles are also less comfortable. The UK has the ninth highest gross domestic product per head in the Union. behind Luxembourg, Belgium, Austria, Denmark, France, Germany. The Neth-erlands and Italy. Only Sweden, Finland, Ireland, Spain. Portugal and Greece are

Most Italians now have more spending power than the Welsh, while Finland and northeast Spain are richer than the North of England. The troubles in Northern Ireland have made long-term unemployment in the region worse than almost anywhere else in Europe.

The North of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland have some of the lowest rates of car ownership, with fewer vehicles than the Portuguese. Scotland has the highest death rate apart from three German

More than three quarters of the workforce in southeast England is in the service sector; only Brussels, lle de France, West-Nederland and the Canaries have higher proportions.

The figures are disclosed in Regional Trends, published today by the Government's

Statistical Service. Southwest England has the oldest population outside with one in five people aged 65 or over. Scotland, Wales, the North and North West of England have some of the highest death rates from circulatory causes. One of the few positive findings is that the average rields of wheat and barley in

Dennis MacLeod first got the taste for gold when he went panning in Sutherland



Mining Corporation, will ful-fil a childhood ambition when work starts on the goldmine at Cononish, near Tyndrum,

Perthshire, next year.

Mr MacLeod, originally from Helmsdale, in Sutherland, became fascinated with gold at the age of ten when his uncle took him panning near by in Strath Kildonan. The new mine at Cononish, an area of outstanding natural beauty that includes Ben Lui and the native pine forest at Coille Coire Chulic, is expected to produce gold and silver ore worth £37 million. It will employ about 80 people during the development phase and will extract an estimated 25,000 ounces of gold a year.

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH SCOTIAND CORRESPONDENT

A TYCOON whose ancestor sparked Scotland's only gold

rush more than 100 years ago has received final planning consent for Scotland's first commercial goldmine. Dennis MacLeod, 55, the

Scots-Canadian head of the Toronto-based Caledonia

Caledonia Mining employs operates mines in South Africa and Spain. It bought the Tyndrum interests from the



Scotland's first goldrush: Kildonan in the 1860s

Irish group Fynegold Exploration for £5 million last year. There had been initial hostility from some locals and environmental groups about the proposed mine but strinconditions have been gent conditions have been laid down by the local author-ity which have satisified the Tay River Purification Board.

Yesterday Mr MacLeod said: "Getting a goldmine up and running in Scotland is the realisation of my boyhood ambition. The corporation is committed to local community development and prosperity. We will endeavour to train and employ local people."

Tyndrum have always known there was gold in the area. dug for lead on the Cononish site: they would have come across seams of silver and gold, but possibly too fine to NT

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Robert Gilchrist, an ances tor of Mr MacLeod's, was responsible for Scotland's only gold rush. In 1868 he sparked a two-year frenzy at Kildonan when he returned after 17 years in the goldfields of Australia. More than 600 prospectors

took the train to Golspie and trekked 20 miles over moorland to stake their claims. Between £12,000 and £22,000 of gold was discovered before Duke of Sutherland cleared the miners off his land New Year's Day, 1870, after farmers complained that they were cutting into grazing land for sheep.





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THE Welsh are becoming the poor relations of the United Kingdom, with their incomes and living standards dropping dramatically behind other areas (Dominic Kennedy

The average household in Wales now has a lower gross weekly income even than Northern Ireland, while more homes rely on social security benefits than anywhere else in the UK. In 1980-81, the Welsh earned 91 per cent of the average English income, while the Scots took 94 per cent and the Northern Irish 78

By 1994-95, households in Wales were taking home only 75 per cent as much as their English neighbours, while the Scots had risen to 97 per cent

and the Northern Irish to 89 per cent. A Welsh home has £282 a week to live on, compared with £375 in England.

The Welsh also spent much less per head than other Britons, only £96 a week each compared with £119 in England. More of their income went on essentials such as fuel, light and power, motor-ing and fares. They spent less on clothing and footwear,

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Solutions for a small planet

Doctors vote to boycott 'insecure' computer net

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH CORRESPONDENT

PATIENTS' medical records stored on a growing national NHS computer network can be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is so lax, doctors said

The confidentiality of infor-mation disclosed by patients in medical consultations and carried on the network cannot be guaranteed, the British Medical Association said. At its annual general meeting in Brighton doctors voted to boycott the NHS Wide Net, which links computer banks in GPs' surgeries, hospitals and health authorities, until safeguards are introduced. The net was started on April I.

NHS trusts and GPs are expected to use the network to exchange details of patient treatments so that they may be billed and paid for electroni-cally under the NHS market. Dr Fleur Fisher, the BMA's

head of ethics, said: "Don't link your surgery or hospital to the net until you can ensure that the data in your computers can't be leaked out anywhere else." She disclosed that the information already circulating on the net could be traced to individuals despite having been "anonymised". Most data which the Government said has been de-identified only has the names and addresses taken off. But it leaves the postcode and date of birth, which is enough to make an identification."

An American case gave warning of what could happen in Britain, she said. A non-

executive director of a private health maintenance organisation in Boston, Massachusetts, obtained details of all patients with cancer from the computer database. As he was also a director of a local bank he was able to match the information with the list of outstanding bank loans so that he could call them in before the patients died.

Experts say that the information can be scrambled. The Department has agreed to discuss options with Dr Michael Williams, a

consultant paediatrician, said: "In NHS trusts computer users have to take more security measures. Most leave terminals running in public view and passwords are ex-changed freely. Trusts will merely have to declare that they comply with security guidelines — but can we trust them? We need much better guarantees of security. The technical means to safeguard information is available but clearly not in place."

Dr Simon Jenkins, chairman of the BMA's information technology committee, described how Aids patients in America sought legal advice before consulting doctors. Dr Sandy Macara, BMA

Council chairman, said ministers had strung doctors along for a year with empty reassurances about the network's safety. "We wish to see the system up and running but not at the expense of any threat to patient confidentiality."

GPs 'need treatment'

drink or drug problem that requires treatment but only a handful are getting the help they need (Jeremy Laurance

Dr Michael Wilks, a police surgeon in west London and chairman of the BMA's drug misuse working party, told the no evidence that they were a

UP TO 10,000 doctors have a danger to patients but urgent action was necessary to prevent any risk.

Organisations including the BMA and the Royal Colleges have agreed in principle the need for a treatment service that could deal with 300 to 400 doctors a year. However, the £300,000 cost has still to be others will," Dr Wilks said.



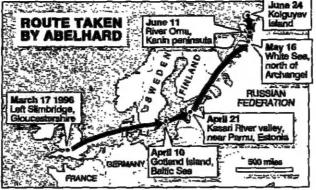
Workers celebrate after a 150-tonne boring machine linked up excavations under London Bridge yesterday to create a continuous six-mile stretch of tunnel for the Jubilee Tube line extension into east London. By August the tunnels should be finished and the line, said to be the largest construction project in Europe, is on schedule to open in March 1998. It will run from Green Park in the West End to Stratford

Swan sends back radio travelogue

COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have tracked the 2,500-mile flight path of migrating Bewick's swans from their winter refuge in southern England to their summer breeding grounds in the tundra of northern Russia.

They strapped a tiny radio transmitter to the back of Abelhard, a 12-year-old bird, which set off from the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, on March 17 accompanied by its mate, Mid-Off, The radio's 12-inch aerial has been transmitting signals via satellite about once every 13 days to a France, which feeds the information to Bristol University.



enabling researchers at Slimbridge to plot the swan's

Abelhard's first signal was received on April 10 from Gotland Island in the Baltic Sea. After resting in Estonia,

ping on the White Sea coast in mid-May and reporting in from the mouth of the River Oma three weeks later. The most recent signal, on June 24, came from Kolguyev Island in

the Barents Sea.

though we have been studying Bewick's swans for 25 years, we had hardly any detailed information about their mi-gration path. This new data will help us to protect the sites the swans visit against huntsmen and development." Bewick's swans have yellow

and black bills and are smaller than the mute swans that are year-round residents of Britain. They number about 45,000, up to \$,000 of which spend the winter in Britain. about 450 at Slimbridge.

The researchers are hoping for an even more detailed picture of the swan's journey back to Britain. "Abelhard will be sending back almost continuous signals, so we should have a record of every place he visits," Mr Bowler said.

> courtship and mating. The two entomologists filmed the displays, simulating the flashes and varying the characteristics. They showed that females respond best to a higher flash rate.

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By NIGEL HAWKES

SCIENCE EDITOR

FEMALE fireflies favour a

faster flashing rate in males

rather than sheer wattage, Dr

Marc Branham and Dr Mich-

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Typically, a male firefly flies

about three to nine feet off the

ground emitting short bursts of flashes, each lasting a se-

cond or two. A female on the

ground may reply with a dim-mer flash, which often at-tracts the male, and a flashing

duet may ensue. In propitious circumstances that can end in

iversity report in Nature.

Under half the females responded to simulated male flashing at less than 2.7 flashes a second, but more than three quarters reacted to a flash rate of four a second. Variables such as flash length or brightness did not attract them.

SUSTEEN STREET Gardener dies from tetanus

A man has died from tetanus after cutting his leg while turning over his garden with a rotovator. Michael Carter, a 52-year-old carpenter, went to his local casualty department for stitches and an anti-tetanus booster injection but after returning to his home in Gayhurst, Buckinghamshire, the leg began to swell.

When tetanus was diagnosed Mr Carter, a grandfather, was transferred to the John Radeliffe Hospital in Oxford, and six days later suffered a heart attack caused by the infection. He died in intensive care on Sunday. An inquest was opened and adjourned on Tuesday.

£87,000 aria

A previously unrecorded part of a soprano aria by Mozart. discovered wrapped in brown paper in an American attic, fetched £87.300 at Christie's in London yesterday. It was bought by an anonymous telephone bidder for more than three times the estimate.

Dunn payout

The former heavyweight boxer Richard Dunn has agreed damages of about £300,000 after an accident on a North Sea rig in 1989. Dunn, 41, who fought Muhammad Ali for the world title in 1976, fell 40ft and broke both ankles. He walks with the aid of sticks.

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Split decision

Efforts to reunite the head of Oliver Cromwell with his body have been rebuffed by Sir George Wombwell, his descendant. He has told campaigners that the corpse will not be removed from its vault at the family home in North Yorkshire.

Musical tryst

The singer Kim Wilde, star-ring in Tommy in London. has become engaged to Half Fowler, another member of the cast. Fowler, who plays Cousin Kevin in the rock musical, proposed to Ms Wilde, Tommy's mother, on a break in Calais this week.

Animal passion

Police called in a spotter plane to help in a search of Cowes golf course on the Isle of Wight after a passer-by be-lieved he heard the sound of someone being attacked. The operation ended when the source was identified as two foxes mating.

A report referred to by Mr Ronald Bernstein, QC, in his letter, "Tackling the evil of cowboy builders" (June 20), is available from Justice, 59 Carter Lane, London EC4V 5AQ, price £4.

flight to oblivion By ROBIN YOUNG

A SMALL ant-eating wood-pecker has been identified as Britain's biggest loser in the bird world. Once common throughout England and Wales, the wryneck is now thought to be reduced to five breeding pairs.

It has been in decline since the mid 1800s and last bred in any numbers in Kent and Sussex before the Second World War.

The wryneck's misfortunes, though, are almost equalled by those of the white-tailed eagle, the corncrake and the red-backed shrike, according to ornithologists who have compiled a table of winners and losers for British Birds. published by the Royal Society

for the Protection of Birds.

David Gibbons, Mark

Avery and Andrew Brown

place the white-tailed eagle second in their list of losers. It became extinct in Britain but after reintroduction from Norway there are thought to be ten breeding pairs. The secretive cornerake has been in decline for 150 years and its disappearance is now thought to be only a matter of time. The red-backed shrike,

widespread in Britain in the 19th century, first failed to breed in England in 1989, and though a pair bred in East Anglia in 1992, it is now counted as extinct as a breeding bird. Other losers cited include the corn bunting and the black-tailed godwit. The great bustard amd great auk are aiready gone.

The winners, the ornithologists say, are led by the tufted duck, which has boosted its population over the past two centuries to 7,500 pairs. Other birds on the increase include the Canada goose, with 75,000 pairs, and the pheasant, with more than three million

Surprisingly, studies reveal that the number of species breeding in the UK increased from 194 to 230 between 1800 and 1995, although bird populations in general declined

alarmingly.
Mr Gibbons said yesterday:
We only have to go back a few human generations to find surprising and shocking changes. We may have gained a lot of birds but the losses would seem unbelievable to a Victorian birdwatcher."

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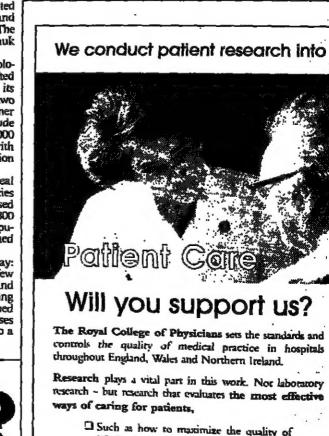
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PoWs win review of lost wartime pay 'worth £90m'

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THOUSANDS of former prisoners of war who claim they lost pay while incarcerated during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. The sum involved 50 years ago was El million, and the 14,000 former servicemen believe it is now worth up to £90 million.

The decision by the Ministry of Defence to thoroughly consider the claims marks a breakthrough for the veterans after a 16-year campaign. The review will be headed by Earl Howe, the Parliamentary Under Secretary for Defence.

Those affected fall into two groups who both had money deducted from their wages while they were held captive: up to 4,000 protected personnel, such as doctors, nursing orderlies, ambulance drivers and padres; and 10,500 offi-cers from all three services.

Under the terms of the Geneva Convention, protected personnel should have received payment from the enemy and, as a result. British paymasters made deductions of up to 50 per cent. In reality, some were never paid by the Germans and Italians, a few were paid erratically, while others were paid



Captain Hugo Bracken, right, as a PoW in Germany

at Stalag 20A in Poland.

Experts have calculated it is

worth many thousand pounds

Mr King, 77, spokesman for

the National Ex-Prisoners of

War Association, said: "The

attitude of the Government

has always been that it was

such a long time ago, so forget it. But many people feel dis-

gusted by the way they were

and a review in 1980 by a

defence working party con-

cluded there was insufficient

evidence to reopen files. The

former servicemen have since

Mr King, who was captured before the fall of Dunkirk, said

he sensed a change in attitude.

positive". Unfortunately, he

gathered new evidence.

Few pay records still exist

marks" by the enemy which were supposed to be used to buy essentials and redeemed for sterling after the war. They were virtually worthless or not refunded. Officers also received the "laager marks'," which were treated as an

advance on their pay. Ordinary soldiers, who did not fall into either category. had no pay deducted and are not involved in the claim. Officers held in Japan had pay refunded after the war, while protected personnel held there did not have pay deducted. The officers have founded their own campaign group, Justice for Prisoners of War.

Graham King, who served in the medical corps as a corporal, claims £150 was deducted from his pay for five years while he was a prisoner

added, many colleagues who felt they were entitled to Captain Hugo "Bungee" Bracken, 84, a former Fleet Air

Arm flier from Groombridge, East Sussex, claims he is owed E5,300, equivalent to £276 in the 1940s. He was shot down over Norway and spent four years in a PoW camp in former Silesia. About a quarter of his pay was deducted while he was captive and he received "laager marks". He

Captain Bracken said would be happy, given the complexity of calculating back pay, if a lump sum was given to service charities. The Government has behaved absolutely disgracefully," he said. Charles Shelton, 77, a for-

mer medic from King's Lynn, Norfolk, said: "It's not the money, its the principle. When I got home I was given a £100 payoff but I had no idea what I was or wasn't entitled to." He was captured at Arnhem. "It hurts me to think about the way we have been betrayed."

Confirming the review, an MoD spokesman said: "It will be looked at again but because there are no records it is a review of principle. How they could ever decide how much was owed, I don't know.



Mr Bracken at home near Tunbridge Wells. He claims he is owed £5,300 for £276 deducted from wartime pay

Crofting family puts isles on sale

By A Staff Reporter

A GROUP of uninhabited islands in the Western Isles is being offered for sale by a retired crofter.

John Mackenzie, 74, used the islands, in the Sound of Harris, for grazing sheep until he sold his flock last year. Now he and his brothers have decided to sell the estate to the highest bidder.

The islands are Ensay. Saghay Mhor, Saghay Bheag, Slaicham, Suem, Groay, Vaten, Lingay, Crago and Scaravay. They lie between Harris and North Uist, not far from the site of the planned Lingerbay superquarry. Ensay, the largest of the house, which is not owned by

the Mackenzie brothers. The Sound of Harris offers breathtaking views in the summer but is a treacherous crossing during foul weather. Mr Mackenzie, of Lever-burgh, south Harris, was being coy yesterday about how much he expected the islands to raise. "It's just a case of the best offer," he said. There has been quite a bit of interest already so I'm quite confident we will sell."

Salmon a good catch at £6,000

By A STAFF REPORTER

FISHING rights to two miles of one of Scotland's prime salmon rivers are being sold for £3 million. The secluded Upper Kercock and Delvine beats on the Tay, north of Perth, are on offer from Lethendy Estates, a property company, at a rate equivalent to more than £6,000 per fish.

Last year 549 salmon were caught there. Colin Strang Steel, of Knight Frank, said: "It seems like a lot of money to ask but not in relation to the number of fish that have been caught. Back in the Eighties prices were as high as £15,000

The Upper Kercock and Murthly, Tayside, are among the last beats on the river not split into smaller sections or divided into timeshare lets. The most likely buyer is thought to be either a consortium of wealthy anglers or a sporting company that will ease out the rights.

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Vicar forced to quit new post in clash over women priests

By Ruth Gledhill, religion correspondent

A TRADITIONALIST Church of England congregation has forced its new parish priest to resign before setting foot in the vicarage because of his support for the ordination of

The Rev David Burrell, 39, was due to leave his parish in Suffolk to become priest-incharge of eight parishes around Colkirk in Norfolk. He had been interviewed and offered the job, which he

However, some of the congregation in one of his new parishes did not realise he supported women priests until the position was offered and accepted. Facing the threat of a church boycott in Colkirk, the village where he was to live, Mr Burrell felt he had no choice but to resign.

"I feel a bit angry that a small group of people can hold such sway over a whole group of parishes," he said. "I have had many messages from people in the other parishes

saying they are upset.
"My bishop here in Suffolk said he would be very happy for me to stay in this diocese and has asked me to look at some other parishes. I wouldn't have been allowed to do my job as a priest. Some of the people in the parish would

not have accepted the eucha-

rist from me. The case is thought to be the first of its kind in the Church of England, which voted in 1992 to ordain women priests. It highlights divisions that remain in the Church which, although it has appointed

"flying bishops" to look after opponents and has granted parishes the freedom to refuse a woman priest, is likely to remain unsettled about the

issue for years to come.

The objectors had said they would be happy for Mr Burrell to arrange for a standin to celebrate communion at the 13th-century Church of St Mary the Virgin. However, if he refused, they threatened to leave the group to join a neighbouring group of parish-es. Mr Burrell said it was fortunate that he had not yet signed his letter of resignation from St Mary's Church in Haughley, Suffolk, where he will now remain.

He said: "It was some weeks after my interview when the Colkirk parochial church council suddenly wrote to the bishop saying they wanted to withdraw support for me.

The bishop went to see them and I thought they had reached a compromise. But when I met the council it was

obvious that was not the case." Diana Beck, lay vice-chairman of Colkirk church council, voted to oppose Mr Burrell celebrating communion at an emergency meeting which she called after she became aware of his support of women

"We have a congregation of between 6 and 26 and I know most of them share my views opposing women priests," she said. They would have boycotted services if he had ad-ministered the sacraments and he would have had an

She said the council did not object earlier because of "a misunderstanding". However Bill Vyse, a Colkirk church warden who sat on the interview panel, said: "I support the ordination of women. I ing with Mr Burrell but other members did not agree with

The Right Rev David Conner, the Bishop of Lynn, has met church council representatives in Colkirk to discuss appointing another priest parishes. He said: "I have never been involved in a case that has broken down at such



The Rev David Burrell, above, was supported by Bill Vyse, below left, church warden at St Mary's, Colkirk. when he was made priest-in-charge, but others forced him to resign before he had set foot in the vicarage





Athletics body fights Modahl cash claim

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE British Athletic Federation went to the High Court yesterday in an attempt to strike out the damages claim by the Olympic athlete Diane Modahl.

Modahl, who attended the private hearing, is suing the federation for £480,000 in legal and medical costs sustained in her successful campaign to clear her name of allegations that she took performance-enhancing drugs. She is also seeking punitive damages for the way her case was handled by the federation. Modahl was banned for four years after tests in Lisbon in 1994 appeared to show that she had a high level of testosterone in her body. The tests were eventually discredit-

ed and the ban was lifted. The federation is understood to be arguing that it complied with the rules and that there is no foundation for a damages action. If Mr Justice Popplewell rejects its claim, the full hearing of the case is expected to take place in the autumn. The judge will give his judgment in open

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Modahl is currently train-ing for the Olympics in Atlana. She won selection for the 800m after finishing second in the national trial in Birmingham. Outside the court she said she was "very excited" by the prospect of

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Tong family plans move to Ireland

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THE wife of Albert Tong, the illegal immigrant arrested church, is hoping to take up a job offer in Ireland to enable the family to start a new life there and avoid her hus-

band's deportation. Becky Tong is flying to the Irish Republic with the couole's three-year-old daughter, Monica, to accept the post, according to solicitors for the family. Chris Bryan said that he was talking to the Home Office about his client joining his wife in Ireland to avoid

deportation to Hong Kong. He said Mr Tong had a his wife was a British citizen. By working there she had European Community rights, and her husband had the

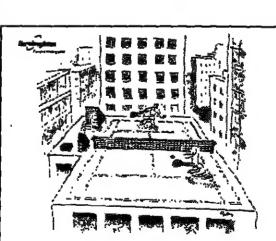
right to stay there with her. The move came as Mr Tong, 43, who had a suspected heart attack after his arrest. was being discharged from hospital yesterday. A Home Office spokesman said the movements of Mr Tong's wife

were a matter for her. "Our position remains when he is medically fit we will be deporting him to Hong Kong," the spokesman said. He would not say when that would be.

Mr Tong, who had lived for 17 years in Camborne, Comwall, had been under observation in hospital since his collapse in Newquay police station after his arrest at Marazion Methodist Church, west Cornwall.

Lawmakers in Hong Kong yesterday added their voice to appeals to the Government to allow Mr Tong to remain in the UK in a letter of protest, 48 of the 60 signed by

Mr Tong's local support group called on Michael Howard, the Home Secretary to allow him to apply for EU. citizenship as he held a British Dependent Territories passport. The Churches Commission for Racial Justice also appealed for him to be allowed to stay.



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Need to tackle Parliament's weaknesses cannot be ignored

ohn Major is right that the House of Commons is at the heart of the debate over constitutional reform. That is too often ignored by the advocates of change, whether of devolution, a Bill of Rights or of the House of Lords. They frequently justify their proposals on their own terms while not taking into account the wider implications. But Mr Major is wrong to argue that this automatically undermines the case for

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change.
At least Mr Major recognises that the constitution is not some unchanging model of perfection and has altered since 1979. But those very changes have them-selves destabilised the constitution and the place of Parliament. Some started before 1979 - though have developed considerably since then such as the growing power of ening scope of judicial review and the ominipresence of the media in the political debate.

But other changes can be directly traced to the Tories - notably the centralisation of controls in Whitehall at the expense not only of local authorities but also of other intermediary institutions which the Tories say they value, such as universities and voluntary bodies.

A RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Mr Major fairly argued in his speech at the Centre for Policy Studies last night that the Tories have devolved management to hospitals and individual schools and have strengthened people's rights as consumers of public services. These are pluses which the reformers tend to ignore. But the overall funding control remains at the centre, not with Parliament but with the executive. Consequently, there is a clear

imbalance in the constitution. The

centre is too strong and the local too weak; on that, at least, Paddy Ashdown and Jack Straw were agreed in their speeches yesterday urging wide-ranging reform. The Tories have so far failed adequately to respond to demands for a shift in this balance, particularly in Scotland, There is nothing particularly outlandish in having a Scot-tish parliament with a limited remit and tax-raising powers: after all, every American state and German lander has far greater

responsibilites.
The problem is less what might happen within Scotland, or Wales (if a workable plan could be devised for the perennially frac-tious principality) than over rela-tions with the national Government. That is recognised in the thorough reports of the recently established Constitution Unit. which are intentionally similar to the briefs which might be produced by civil servants for an incoming Blair Government, sympathetic to the aims but noting the pitfalls. The most critical remarks in its reports are about relations with the centre, over budgets and

representation at Westminster. Any workable reform plans have to deal with these issues and the future of Parliament itself. It is compartments. If powers are shifted away from Westminster, as they already have been to the EU, the role of the Commons, and the Lords, has to be reconsidered. Parliament may remain. in Mr Major's words, "the focus of the nation's unity at times of national grief or outrage and the threat for the great convulsion of political history". But that does not make it effective on a day-to-day basis. Mr Major's proposals for shift-ing the timing of the Queen's

Speech to avoid congestion around

the time of the Budget and announcing provisional legislative

at parliamentary reform over the past decade. But they barely deal with the central issue of ensuring that Parliament is better at scrutinising legislation and the It is no good just warning about

the dangers of ill-thought-out reform, necessary though that is. But the weaknesses of Parliament have to be addressed. Mr Major offered only half a case last night.

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PETER RIDDELL

Don't tamper with fabric of the nation, says Major

POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

JOHN MAJOR opened the most far-reaching debate on the constitution for a generation last night with a warning that Labour's "dangerous" plans for reform threatened to unstitch the fabric of Britain's way of life.

The Prime Minister heralded the start of a Cabinet counter-offensive against Opposition proposals on devolution, the abolition of hereditary peers, and proportional

representation.
Ministers believe that the
Labour leadership's change of heart on a referendum for a Scottish parliament was a further sign that it has become increasingly sensitive to Tory attacks on their plans for constitutional reform.

A succession of Cabinet ministers will enter the debate in the coming weeks with setpiece speeches defending the Union and attacking Labour.

Mr Major, in his speech last night to the Centre for Policy Studies, said that Parliament was the cement that held together the United Kingdom. Threaten the central role of our national Parliament and you threaten that unity and stability. The differences floated by the Opposition could not fail to destabilise and, in the end, diminish the British

Parliament had its quirks and faults but it was hard to find another country where it was so central to national life. "That is why piecemeal re-

WHERE THE PARTIES STAND

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PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION: opposed, because it would give disproportionate influence to minority parties SCOTLAND: supports the status quo WALES: supports the status quo

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PR: single transferable vote system now used for local and European elections in Northern Ireland SCOTLAND: separate text-raising parliament, with fewer Scots MPs at

HOUSE of LORDS: abolish hereditary peerage and create elected

forms that threaten to erode the power and supremacy of

Parliament are so dangerous." Parliament was the voice of the British people fighting out the complexities of national interest. "It is the focus of the nation's unity at times of national grief or outrage and is is the theatre for the great convulsions of political history. No one should lightly contemplate tampering with an institution that is so ancient and yet so alive."

The traditions and institu tions that had created the nation had been woven into a

COMMONS: greater consultation; lougher scrutiny of executive constituional fabric over centuries. The Magna Carta, the Bill of Rights and the Act of Union were footprints in the nation's story. "A step down the path towards today's modern constitution. Out of this evolutionary change has grown one of the finest, strongest and most admired consti-

> holds our freedom." Pointless fiddling would damage it and create problems not solve them. "It would begin to unstitch our way of

tutions in the world. Our constitution is the lifeblood of

the United Kngdom. It up-

could unravel what generations of our predecessors have

Mr Major rejected calls for a written constitution, condemned Labour's proposed abolition of hereditary peerages, and poured scorn on proportional representation. The fact is the House of Lords has been far more effective than many overseas equiva-lent revising chambers." Proportional representation would damage Parliament by breaking links between citi-

zens and constituency MPs.

The constitution was vi-brant and robust but not indestructible. "People must realise that our constitution is not a piece of architecture that one can re-engineer by knocking down a wall here or adding an extension there. It's a living, breathing constitution. Its roots are ancient, but it has evolved. And it has been stable because it has popular support. That is why I care so much about our constitution. It is why I will defend our tradition, our heritage, and guard against any needless change which threatens the institutions which make us one nation.

"At the next election, just as at the last, people will be able to choose if they want embark on a voyage into the unknown. unchartered waters of tempestuous change. The choice is rightly theirs. Our task is to warn them of the perils of

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THE anti-Europe UK Inde-pendence Party is planning to field candidates in every constituency at the general election (Andrew Pierce writes).

The move, which will split the anti-federalist vote, is brtended to eclipse Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, which will not challenge candidates who are committed to a referendum on Britain's future in the EU.

Sir James will confront the threat in a speech tonight to hundreds of supporters in Newcastle upon Tyne, em-

Rival party threatens Goldsmith

phasising that Britain should negotiate for change from within Europe. The UKJP is committed to Britain's withdrawal from the EU.

Dr Alan Sked, the UKIP feature said that if the election was in May we will be flying the fing in 550 constituencies". The party, which polled 1,300 votes at the recent Staffordshire South East by-election. is said to have more than 10,000 members. The names

of its first 100 randidates will

be announced next week.

Attacking Sir James for the first time, Dr Sked said: "We are not a one-man band. We do not favour chequebook politics. Britain cannot find eadership from a billionaire MEP. We believe in immediate withdrawal from the EU and to replace membership

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By IAN MURRAY

THE Nolan committee outlined its programme for investigating corruption and incompetence in local government yesterday.

Councils' consideration of planning applications and tenders from outside contractors will be top of the committee's agenda. Lord Nolan, chairman of the committee on standards in public life, in-tends to review the rules by which councillors are required to declare any interest they have in the outcome of a decision. He also wants to look into the controversial system of making councillors repay the cost of bad decisions through a surcharge.

Although he will not investigate individual allegations of misconduct, he is inviting the public and organisations to tell the committee of their experiences with councils so that it can focus its report on the important issues.

Written submissions, addressed to the committee at Horse Guards Road, London, SWIP 3AL, must arrive by October II. Public meetings on local government will be held towards the end of the year.

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Yeltsin's new security chief traces anti-Communist stance to childhood memory of Soviet massacre

Young Aleksandr Lebed whose father was sent to a labour camp under Stalin for arriving late at work

Gruff general reveals scars that made him

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN NOVOCHERKASSK, SOUTHERN RUSSIA

THE new Russian security chief, General Aleksandr Lebed, is either an honest man or a remarkably bad son. The proof of this lies in the house in the southern Russian town of Novocherkassk, where he was born and his widowed mother still lives. For if he, like so many Russian generals, had made a fortune out of stealing and selling military equipment, it is difficult to believe that his mother would still be living in a small cottage without an inside lavatory or

even running water. Her house is in a typical yard, lined with cottages, sheds and kitchen gardens, shaded by chestnut trees, and littered with sleeping dogs and bits of broken-down cars. The dominant scent comes from the two communal lavatories in the middle.

Neighbours expressed the hope that now General Lebed was "the second man of the Russian State", something would be done to improve conditions. "For 30 years we've been complaining to the town administration about this yard, the lavatories, the Ivanova, a resident, said. They all say, 'yes, yes', and do

The image of General Lebed as an ordinary Russian and not part of the new elite has been tremendously important

in his electoral success. As his got top marks in history. autobiography shows, it is a carefully cultivated image, but one that so far appears to correspond to reality.

Attempts by General Pavel Grachev, the former Defence Minister and General Lebed's old enemy, to dig up evidence of corruption from his time as commander of the 14th Army in Moldavia completely failed. Even Moldavian leaders, who have few reasons to love Gen-

General Lebed went to an

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ordinary school in Novo-

Grishkova, a former teacher,

described him as the star of

his class. His school results

suggest that he was certainly

one of the brighter pupils. He

geography and physical education, and only slightly lower results in the rest.

General Lebed's nose was broken while boxing, at which he excelled. But in his autobiography he claims not to have lost sleep over this: "I'm not a girl; and anyway, at that time, I thought that a real man only had to look a bit more sympathetic than a monkey." The gruff general also describes

6 His image is of a natural fighter who is able to keep out RUSSIAN of fights 9 ELECTION

with great approval the ex-treme taciturnity of his father. eral Lebed, admit that he was personally honest and a strict disciplinarian. It remains to He met his wife Inna. described by a classmate as very be seen whether these characattractive, when they were teristics will survive the immense temptations of govern-

working in a local factory before he joined the army. In one instance, however General Lebed's Soviet childhood was extremely atypical. On June 2, 1962, when he was 12, workers in Novocherkassk staged a rare protest against rising prices and falling wages. Soviet troops guarding

the local Communist headquarters opened fire, killing 24 people, and several others ere subsequently executed.

The young Lebed was watching the demonstration with other boys, sitting in trees on the square. He had wriggled through a window to get away from his mother, who had forbidden him to go out. When the troops opened fire. two of the boys were hit. He has spoken of how the local commander committed suicide in protest at the killings, and the misuse of the army:

"He was a true officer." General Lebed is using this episode and the fact that his father went to a labour camp under Stalin, for arriving late for work, as reasons for his siding with President Yeltsin against the Communists.

General Lebed's autobiography suggests a natural fighter, but one who can keep out of unnecessary fights, especially now that he has given up alcohol. His election propaganda has played on the theme of a brave soldier

dedicated to preventing war. However, a degree of ruthlessness is apparent, and even boasted of in his autobiography. Despite what happened in Novocherkassk, he expresses little pity for the civilan victims of Soviet operations in which he was



Lebed at his wedding to Inna whom he met while they worked at a factory before he joined the army

Venice mayor anguished by opera house arson finding

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

EXPERTS investigating the fire at La Fenice opera house in Venice five months ago have concluded that it was started deliberately, possibly by a construction firm hoping to win the highly lucrative rebuilding contract. Current estimates are that rebuilding will take three years - and cost at least £66 million.

initial suspicions involved performers who might have nursed a grudge disgruntled technicians who had failed to get a job there; or a pyroare focusing on a "contract racket". Another theory is that restoration firms had fallen behind with work schedules and were seeking to avoid

hefty penalty payments. The blaze, on the night of January 29, almost completely destroyed the 18th-century theatre, regarded as a jewel of European opera. The Fenice company was abroad on tour and the opera house was being

refurbished before the spring season. The rococo interior was gutted, leaving only the blackened façade and outer walls standing.
Investigators have asked for

another month to complete their report. But preliminary findings suggest the fire was set with skill and inside knowledge by people who knew the theatre's layout. The arsonists chose their

moment well," one investiga-tor said. There was only one night watchman on duty, it was a clear, dry night, alarm systems had been switched off during the refurbishment, and nearby canals had been drained for cleaning, making it difficult for firefighters to gain access or pump water. investigators draw an ana-

logy with the fire at the Petruzzelli opera house fire in Bari, southern Italy, which burnt down in 1991.

That theatre's director went on trial in February accused of plotting arson with people who had been promised the rebuilding contract. He is also accused of trying to claim insurance money to repay debts to the Mafia, which allegedly helped to set fire to the

building. Massimo Cacciari. Mayor of Venice, said that accusations of arson at La Fenice were terrifying, adding: "I cannot imagine who could have done such a thing." The inquiry team, led by Felice Casson; Venice's chief investigating magistrate, believes the fire was started in several places at once in a "carefully

prepared plan". In a separate inquiry, Signor Cacciari and the theatre superintendent, Gianfraco Pontel, are being investigated for contributing to the fire through negligence. Some reports say they ignored fire prevention officers' warnings that La Fenice's protection was inadequate.

Mad cows may have met their Waterloo

FROM BEN MACINTYRE

IN A bizarre link between the Battle of Waterloo and the beef war, the French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo describing how Britain used human and animal remains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle.

In his work Things Observed 1847-1848. Hugo re-corded that British farmers were grinding up bones left behind from the carnage at Leipzig (1813) and Waterloo (1815) to fertilise the fields of Yorkshire, "Thus the last residue of Napoleon's victories are being used to fatten up English cows," Hugo said.
"At last the true origin of

BSE has been revealed," the satirical French weekly Le Canard Enchainé said yesterday. "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is historical ... the cows across the Channel were nourished on flour made from old sol-

diers and war horses." About 32,000 Frenchmen died at Waterloo, with 15.000 English and 7.000 Prussian troops, Citing British newspapers. Hugo wrote: "Several million bushels of human bones arrived at Hull from the Continent'

He added: "These bones, mixed with the bones of horses, have been collected from the battlefields of Austerlitz. Leipzig ... and

Waterloo. "They were transported to Yorkshire where they were ground into powder and then sent to Doncaster where they are being used as fertiliser."

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Shadowy Muslim groups suspected of attack aimed at House of Saud

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THE real target of the lorry homb at the King Abdul Aziz air base in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday was the House of Saud, that has ruled the kingdom since it was founded more than 60 years ago.

The explosion, the most deadly terrorist attack in the Arab world since the blowing up of the Marine harracks in Lebanon in 1982, is a EXTREMISTS

declaration of war by Islamic extremists on America, the Westem presence in the Arabian peninsula hut above all, on a regime that they consider corrupt, illegitimate, and unfit to hold custody over Mecca and Medina, the two most holy places in Islam.

No one doubts that the tanker

the militant groups which in recent years have become an increasing threat to the stability of Saud Arabia, the world's largest oil

The likely perpetrators are two shadowy groups, the Movement for Islamic Change and the Tigers of the Gulf, who claimed responsibility for a similar attack last November, Little is known about their size, strength and membership. But they and other Islamic radicals have one thing in common: hatred for a regime they helieve has brought Western deca-

dence to the heartland of Islam.
The Dhahran bomb was not unexpected. After the November bombing of a military training and communications centre in central Riyadh, in which seven people including five Americans were killed, four Islamic militants were arrested. The Saudi Government

said they confessed that they had been inspired by Muhammad al-Masari, the militant Islamic dissident living in London.

But opposition groups insisted such confessions were extracted through torture, and gave a warning of further attacks should the men be executed. They were, nevertheless, publicly beheaded on May 31.

The growing unrest in Saudi Arabia stems from the 1991 Gulf rumblings. Why, it was asked, was

War. King Fahd's decision to accept a large allied force, mostly American, was seen by conservatives as sacrilege, polluting the holy land with the presence of infidels and engaging non-Muslims to join in a war against fellow Muslims. The sudden influx of Western forces and customs, including the presence of unveiled umen, angered the extremists. The war also prompted political

Saudi Arabia spending so much on arms when it could not defend itself unaided?. The huge bill, which Riyadh is still paying, also led to a short-term cash crisis, bankrupting many small businesses and provoking criticism not only of the lavish spending of the 4,0000-strong Royal Family, but of the dominance of the House of Saud, especially among tribal rivals previously bought off by prosperity.

forry homb at the military have in America pledges to keep military presence in Gulf

By Christopher Walker, MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA vowed it would not leave the oil-rich Gulf and placed its many personnel there on maximum alert yesterday after a lorry bomb ripped through a Saudi Arabian military complex housing foreigners, killing at least 19 Americans and seriously wounding 64 others. in all. almost 400 people were treated for light injuries.

Tuesday night's no-warning blast was the most deadly attack on a US target in the Middle East since the 1983 suicide bomb against a barracks in Beirut killed 241 marines and drove the American military out of Lebanon.

In scenes of devastation cerily reminiscent of that attack, the work of a radical Shia Muslim bomber, Saudi rescue workers eqipped with cranes and buildozers yesterday continued the search for survivors from the eightstorey residential complex on the King Abdul Aziz Air base in Khobar, near Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

Nearby was a crater 35ft deep and 45ft wide left by the blast, which was caused by an estimated five tonnes of explosive loaded on to a 5.000gallon fuel lorry.

KING ABDUL

AFTERMATH

Speaking at the White House vesterday. President Clinton gave an official account of the bombing, explaining that Saudi police were immediately suspicious of a petrol tanker which pulled up outside the security perimeter of the US base.

Mr Clinton said they alerted an American patrol and began warning occupants of nearby buildings. As the patrol ap-proached the vehicle, two men umped from the cab and fled. Within a couple of minutes, the bomb exploded. No person group had claimed responsibility.

It can be argued that Americans still do not take sufficiently stringent anti-terrorist precautions, even after the World Trude Centre and Oklahoma City bombings. Concrete barriers and frequent patrols had been installed at the Dhahran base after terrorists drove up to the door of a Saudi military training headquarters in Rivadh in Novemher and exploded a car bomb. Five Americans and two Indi-

ans were killed. But the barriers were only

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35 yards from the barracks. The 5.000lb-force of Tuesday's explosion sheared off the front of the high-rise building.

William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, claimed on American television vesterday that without the barriers there would have been "many, many more fatalities". Norman Schwarzkopf, the

retired US Army general, commanded the American-led coalition based in Saudi Arabia during the 1991 Gulf War. As rescue workers due frantically with bare hands in the blistering desert heat yesterday, he told NBC television: "I think it would be a tragic mistake if we were to pull, pitch and run. We have to show them that we are tougher than they are."

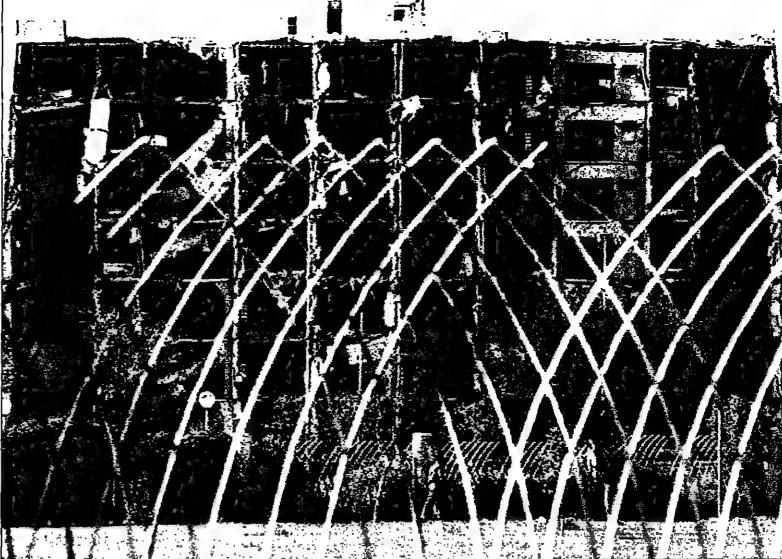
Mike McCurry, the White House spokesman, confirmed there were no plans to reduce the American military presence, saying: "It is a fundamental tenet of American foreign policy that our presence in that part of the world helps limit the conflict and the tension that does exist." After talks in Jerusalem

with Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, who later flew to visit survivors, Israel's President Weizman blamed Iran for the attack. Other regional security experts said it was more likely to have been Sunni Muslim Saudi fanatics trained in Afghanistan and known as "The

There are 2,900 Americans at the Dhahran base, including pilots flying in Operation Southern Watch", the mission to enforce the no-fly zone over southern Iraq. Other US personnel include Patriot antimissile operators, air ground crews, and communications specialists

Residents there said military personel from America, Britain, France and Saudi Arabia occupied 50 buildings on the 400-building complex. Saudi families were living in

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The wreckage of the American-occupied apartment building at the air base in Dhahran which took the force of Tuesday's bomb attack

Western task force keeps daily watch on Iraq

By MICHAEL EVANS DÉFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE King Abdul Aziz airbase at Dhahran has been the centre of American-led coalition force activities since the end of the 1991 Gulf War.

However, so sensitive is the continuing presence of US, British and French aircrai and military personnel there five years after the war, that even the usually informative American Defence Department officials are rejuctant to give precise numbers.

Nevertheless, since the war ended the three nations have used Dhahran to launch daily "no-fly zone" combat air patrols over southern Iraq, south of the 32nd parallel. Operation Southern Watch is carried out by the Joint Task Force-South-west Asia based in the Gulf

AIR PATROLS

under the direction of US Central Command. The force is commanded by Major-General Kurt Anderson of the US Air Force, stationed at Riyadh: Apart from enforcing the no-fly zone, it is capable of conducting an air campaign against fraqi targets if Bagh-dad needs to be compelled to comply with United Nations inspertions

Although assets are based at different locations in the Arabian Gulf region, all the British and French aircraft are at Dhahran. Britain has six

about 200 RAF personnel at the base. France has six Mirage 2000 and 110 air force personnel. Their servicemen sleep in blocks about 300 yards from the American accommodation building which took the full force of the bomb on Tuesday night. There were

Tornado GRI bombers and

serious concerns last night over the security breach. Western diplomatic sources in Saudi Arabia said the perimeter was normally heavily guarded and yet the terrorists were able to park a lorry bomb within 35 yards of the accommodation compound, known as Khobar

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spurned by Cairo By Christopher Walker WARREN CHRISTOPHER.

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found himself the target of Arab scorn yesterday when he arrived in Cairo having failed to secure any significant con-cessions from Binyamin Netanyahu, the Israeli Prime

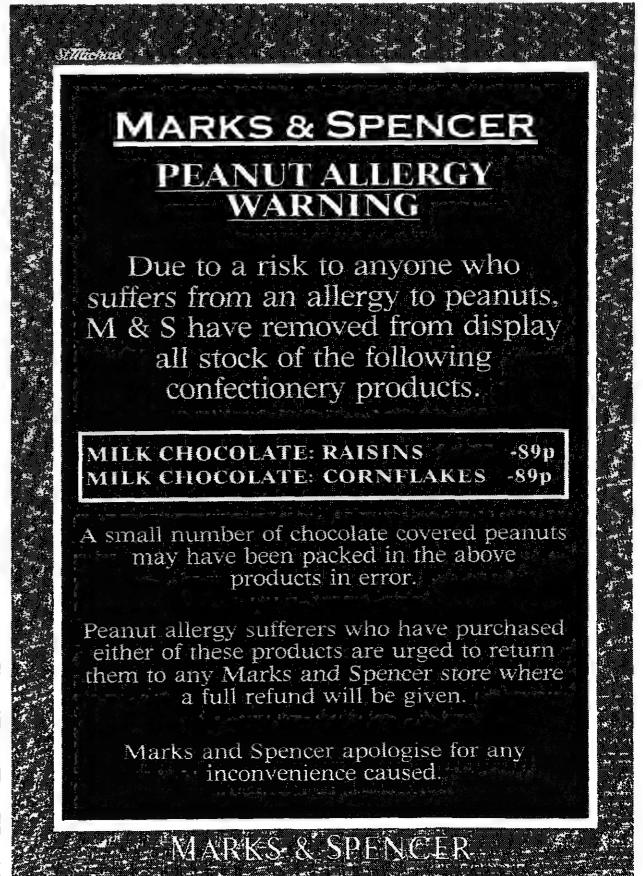
A scheduled joint news conference after talks with President Mubarak of Egypt was scrapped without explanation and Cairo's semi-official papers — which faithfully reflect the Egyptian leader's views — launched a broadside

against America. The main daily al-Ahram accused Mr Christopher of blindly supporting Mr Netanyahu as he tore away the foundations of five years of Arab-Israeli peacemaking. laid at the 1991 peace conference in Madrid: "In the trangest press conference Netanyahu cancels all international agreements ... and Christopher supports him," the paper declared in a front-

page headline.

☐ Jerusalem: Mr Netanyahu blamed Syria yesterday for a border attack in the Jordan valley, launched from Jordan, which killed three Israeli soldiers and wounded two





Clinton declares there is no economic security unless industrial world stands up to forces of hatred

G7 vow to pursue terrorists

IN LYONS AND IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

JOHN MAJOR and President Clinton will discuss today international measures to track down the perpetrators of the bombing in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The Prime Minister will repeat the offer, made immediately after the bombing, for British assistance in the search for those responsible. He is also planning to bring Mr Clinton up to date on the latest developments in the Northern Ireland peace pro-cess after the Manchester bombing and to urge him to maintain the tough line he has taken against Sinn Fein.

The two leaders are to hold urgent talks in Lyons this afternoon shortly before the Group of Seven summit of the world's leading industrial nations gets under way.

The Dhahran blast has propelled terrorism up the agenda of the three-day gathering. Mr Major and Mr



A security sniffer dog at the G7 building in Lyons

Clinton are preparing to consider the effectiveness of proposals demanded last year at the G7 summit in Nova Scotia for better co-operation and the measures agreed at the international summit on terrorism at Sharm el Sheikh.

President Clinton, admitting he could think of little else in the wake of the Saudi bombing, said yesterday that he would make the defeat of international terrorism his

priority at the G7 meeting.
"My first order of business will be to focus the strength and energy of the G7 on the continuing fight against terrorism," he said in a speech on

the White House lawn. "I will say to my G7 partners what I say to my fellow Americans: we cannot have economic security in a global economy unless we can stand against these forces of terrorism. The United States will lead the way and we expect our allies to walk with us hand in hand. We cannot tolerate this kind of conduct."

He said that the Dhahran attack underscored the struggle of all who believe in tolerance, freedom and security. The world faced a new peril that included rogue states such as Iran and Iraq. drug smugglers, those who deal in weapons of mass destruction and terrorists who strike not just in Saudi Arabia on the streets of London, in

Israel and in America's heart-

land. Usually, he said, the

instigators were "in the para-

Magnet Half Price

To meet these threats, he

hoped to expand the US initiative launched at last year's G7 summit with a package of 40 recommendations to combat terrorism and organised crime. They include a mowhere to hide extradition agreement and new procedures to deal with forged travel documents and the smuggling of illegal aliens. "Defeating these organised forces of destruction is one of the most important challenges

our country faces," he said. Mr Major condemned the Saudi bombing as an appalling act of pure evil. "I very much hope they find out who did it so that they can be punished," he declared.

However, the bombing is unlikely to prevent a serious clash between Mr Climon and most of the other leaders over proposed American sanctions that could damage companies doing business with Libya. Iran and Cuba

Mr Major will be among those protesting strongly to

lysing grip of religious, ethnic Mr Clinton about the "extra-and racial hatred". Mr Clinton about the "extra-territorial" effect on the proposals for legal action in America against foreign companies and their executives.

The European Union summit in Florence last weekend threatened retaliation against America over the so-called Helms-Burton law which would punish non-US companies doing business with Cuba and similar legislation dealing with Iran and Libya. Jacques Santer, the European Commission President, told Mr Chinton last week it was wrong for America to attack its partners to reach its

adversaries.

Although the summit communique almost certainly will hadge the sanctions dispute. President Chirac of France, Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, and Jean Chrétien, the Canadian Prime Minister, are also determined to raise their objections.

A British diplomat said yesterday: "We are waiting anniously to learn of the President's intentions over the implementation of this law."



Paul Bocuse at his restaurant outside Lyons with his latest creation, G7 chicken,

Chef makes diplomatic entrée

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

PAUL BOCUSE, France's most celebrated chef, yesterday unveiled his latest culinary invention as leaders attending the summit of the Group of Seven industrialised nations in Lyons prepared to discuss the global economy.

M Bocuse will be preparing Coq de Bresse Truffe G7 à la française (French-style truf-fle-stuffed chicken) at his restaurant at Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or outside Lyons, as the city's chefs try to outdo one another in culinary

The G7 agenda includes discussion of markets, jobs.

Survival

alert over

'population

of 10bn'

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

A BALLOONING world pop-

ulation is taking such a heavy

toll of the planet's resources

that it is putting the survival of humankind in jeopardy, ac-cording to an international

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the Third World and welfare, while the meau at tonight's six-course "working dinner" for heads of state, which is being produced by four three-star Michelin cheis, features such weighty matters as Ravioli de légumes de Savoie. Quenelles aux écrevisses and Volaille de Bresse washed down with Poully Fuisse and

Mumm champagne.
Offal, for which Lyons is famous, is notably absent from the summit menus in the light of the "mad cow" crisis, but the city is going out of its way to ensure that whatever hordes of journalists and par-ticipants who are attending the three-day summit will not leave hungry. Since March the local auClint

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thorities have deployed 12 sanitary inspectors to ensure that local hostelries are meeting the required hygiene standards.

The inspectors found something to complain about in 83 checked, including a few isolated cases where British beef was still on offer - precisely the kind of undiplomatic entree that the city is desperated

Chirac to push for BSE research cash

BY BEN MACINIYRE

PRESIDENT CHIRAC announced yesterday he would press fellow world leaders to increase funding for medical research into epidemics such as "mad cow" disease, Aids and Ebola virus at the Lyons summit of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations.

in an interview published yesterday, the French President said that battling such epidemics should be made a priority, and gave a warning that "other diseases may be waiting in the shadows". He also singled out hepatitis C as a crucial area of medical research. "It is urgent that the major powers are aware of this problem at the highest political levels. The G7 summt gives us an opportunity," M Chirac said, adding that re-search into epidemic viruses

and bacteria had been neglected in recent years. The crisis over "mad cow"

disease (BSE) has proved par-

ticularly devastating for farm-

ers in France, where beef sales have dropped by up to 40 per cent, according to latest fig-ures. France's largest farm union yesterday condemned the European Union aid plan for beef producers as unsatis-factory and said that extra

compensation was needed.

M Chirac also criticised America yesterday for failing to give sufficient help to developing countries and confirmed that he would make aid for the Third World a central issue at the summit. "The current trend is for major nations, particularly the US. to pull out. This is unaccept-

able," M Chirac said. His Foreign Minister, Hervé de Charette, said "the growth of selfishness of rich countries is becoming unbearable". He noted that while France and Japan give the largest amounts in development aid, the proportion of gross domestic product that America donates is dwindling.

Bosnia faces sanctions

London: A threat could be issued at the G7 summit to reimpose sanctions on Serbia and on the Bosnian Serbs if Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, is not removed from power, Western diplomats said yesterday. The summit, being attend-

ed by the five powers coordinating policy on Bosnia - America, Russia, France,

Germany and Britain - could act as early as next week if Dr Karadzic has not quit. Sanctions were lifted after November's Dayton peace accords were signed.

Dr Karadzic, indicted by the United Nations war crimes tribunal in The Hague, has defied efforts to remove him before Bosnia's elections, due in September.



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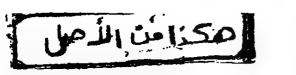
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As the British Labour Party proposes

constitutional reform, Bryan Gould, a

former Shadow Cabinet member, gives a

warning of the unintended consequences

it has brought to New Zealand

possibilities. Its arcane com-

plexities are only dimly under-

stood by most voters, but they

have at least grasped that it

will make life more difficult

Their expectations in this

respect have already been met.

Four months from the elec-

tion, the political and parlia-

mentary scene have already

been transformed. The tactical

manoeuvrings dictated by

MMP have produced defec-

tions from the governing party

that have meant coalition

government is already the

shown much capacity to adapt

Neither main party has

for the politicians.

order of the day,

the realisation that the New

Zealand constitution - largely

unwritten, unicameral, and

lacking in any of the usual

checks and balances - offered

them no protection against

being hijacked by a small

band of committed ideologues

who could push through far-reaching "reforms" without

having to bother too much

able to throw sand in the works. Offered the chance of

electoral reform, the electorate

voted for the chance to slow

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have caused.

Vietnamese refugees, told The Mass death sentence in China

Hong Kong apology for jailing child

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

Peking: Chinese judges sentenced 769 convicted drug criminals to be executed or imprisoned for life at 62 mass rallies to mark international drug day yesterday, the staterun Xinhua news agency

reported. The agency did not specify how many had been given the death penalty but, in common with other agencies, reported that at least 50 people had been immediately

Hong Kong's parents that she Times two weeks ago: "We are concerned about the time takwas missing, knew that she en to reunite the two children had been taken to a prison when she was found wanderand regret the anguish we ing outside the camp during The Correctional Services breakout. These officers Division [who staff the detenfled to their superiors, who then wrote a report for Mr tion camps] admit they are Bresnihan.

The parents contacted Pam Baker, a British lawyer in Hong Kong who wrote to Mr Bresnihan.He was also given a letter written by Hong Kong's father to Amnesty International, saying he had appealed in vain to the guards

to find his daughter. Mr Bresnihan said yesterday the officers' punishment not yet been decided.

Wall of steel, page 18

countless other trouble spots Eta threat to

Tour cyclists

Madrid: The Basque terrorist group Eta yesterday threat-ened attacks against competitors in this year's Tour de France if the organisers do not "recognise the identity of the Basques as a nation" before the race begins on Saturday (Tunku Vara-

darajan writes). The threat which came a day after Spain's parliamentary political parties unanimously rejected an Eta offer of a week-long truce, was made in a letter to the Tour's director in Paris, Jean Marie Leblanc. Hundreds of posters have also appered on streets in Pamplona, stating that the Tour was not welcome in "Euskal Herria", the nationalist name for the Basque

sex and fraud claims FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN WESTBORO, MASSACHUSETTS

US boss sacked over

ASTRA AB, the Swedish drug company, sacked its American chief executive yesterday after allegations that he embezzled \$2 million (£1.3 million), pressured female workers into having sex and fostered a

corporate culture of hard partying. Astra also dismissed a second executive, and two others resigned. The company said it was co-operating with govern-ment agencies investigating

the charges. "Today's action brings to an end an unfortunate and distasteful chapter in the history of Astra USA," said C.J. Johansson, executive vice-presi-

dent of the Swedish parent

company. Lars Bildman, who

was suspended in April as president and chief executive of Astra USA, was sacked without any financial compensation, the company said.

Mr Johansson said Mr Bildman went to great lengths to keep his behaviour secret. renting off-site office space to keep information from the

parent company.
Three female former employees are taking legal action gainst the company, saying Mr Bildman fondled them or pressured them for sex. In May, Business Week magazine reported on a corporate culture of hard partying, allegedly fostered by Mr Bildman.

The best-placed of these at a party which has hitherto been regarded as merely a vehicle for the personal ambitions of former National Cabinet Minister, Winston Peters. He has projected his party to a second place rating in the The prospect of a Petersdominated government has

made many people very nervous. He has campaigned on a strongly nationalist platform. making it clear that he is hostile to the inflow of overseas investment and to those, largely Asian, immigrants who bring it with them. Perhaps the only certainty is that the post-election situation will uncertain, possibly unstable. New Zealand watchers may be in for a bumpy ride.

The author is Vice-Chancellor of Waikato University.

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Peters: hostile to

Clinton aide quits as inquiry begins into files scandal

rest of the world looked to

New Zealand as the proneer of

egalitarianism and the wel-

attracts attention as the test

bed for an experiment in

been equally intrigued by

another imminent change. On

October 12. New Zealand -

which has hitherto operated a

Westminster-style, first past

the post, essentially two-party

system - will hold a general

election under a new system of

proportional representation called MMP. It will produce a

parliament composed partly

tives and parity of members

the change in the electoral

system are linked, but not

quite in the way that the

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The economic reforms and

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THE TIMES THURSDAY JUNE 27 1996

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

apologies to the victims of

what Louis Freeh, the FBI

director, has labelled "egre-

gious violations of privacy".

but all three stood by Presi-

dent Clinton's description of

the whole affair as a "bureau-

cratic snafu". A fourth wit-

ness, Anthony Marceca, who

was Mr Livingstone's assis-

tant, admitted before the hear-

ings began that he had

obtained 300 more files than

the 400 already known of,

including those of Brent Scow-

croft and Robert Gates. Presi-

dent Bush's National Security

criminate bureaucratic pro-

cess and not targeting

But William Clinger, the

committee's Republican chair-

man, cast the affair in a much

more sinister light, suggesting

at the top of the White House.

Mr Livingstone - "a political

operative with a dubious back-

ground" - had been given

such a sensitive post, who

employed him, and how he

had escaped dismissal despite

obvious instances of misman-

tion to Vietnam and are highly

The girl, who was born in

one of the camps and is named

Hong Kong, was among a dozen children separated from

their parents during the

breakout from the Whitehead

unpopular in the colony.

He demanded to know why

particular Republicans.

NATIONALLY televised hearings into the "Filegate" scandal opened dramatically on Capitol Hill yesterday when the White House official most responsible announced his

Gould: political scene

is already transformed

immediate resignation. Craig Livingstone, the 37year-old director of the Office of Personnel Security, said he accepted full responsibility for the ordering of FBI background files on hundreds of Republican officials. However, he insisted it was an "entirely innocent mistake" caused by using an out-of-date list to check people with White House access, and vehemently denied he had been digging for dirt on political foes.

Mr Livingstone, near tears, also complained bitterly at the way the media had made him an "object of ridicule" by portraying him as a beefy bouncer-turned-political henchman when he had been merely seeking to serve his country. He becomes at least the fourth member of the Clinton White House to leave

The start of the highly charged hearings were remarkable for the way past and present White House officials strove to present themselves as incompetent, the alternative being to admit that they had

obtained the files for nefarious Bernard Nussbaum, the for-

ÍN A rare admission of serious

error, the Hong Kong Govern-

ment will today apologise for

the L2-day imprisonment of a

five-year-old Vietnamese refu-

gee girl during a breakout from a detention camp. It will

also recommend that at least

two prison officers be pun-ished for lying to their superi-

ors about keeping the child

separated from her parents.

agement. "Who is Mr Livingmer White House counsel, William Kennedy, the former stone's patron?", Mr Clinger associate counsel, and Mr Livingstone all offered profuse

proportional representation

impulse to radical change but

The explanation for this is

simple. What are now called

the "New Right" reforms were initially driven through by a

Labour Government which -

from 1984 to 1990 - surprised

most of its supporters with the

speed and zeal of its abandon-

ment of traditional Labour

policy. When disgruntled vot-

ers decided they had had

enough, and turned in 1990 to

the only real alternative avail-

able under a two-party sys-

tem, they discovered that they

had jumped from the frying

pan into the fire. The incom-

ing National (Conservative)

Government was even more

committed than its Labour

predecessors to the New Right

reforms. The voters' confusion

and unease at this sequence of

events was compounded by

a reaction against it.

He noted that Mr Livingstone worked on Mr Clinton's inauguration with Harry Thomasson, a Hollywood friend of the First Couple. began pressing the Clintons to dismiss the seven-man White House Travel Office so he could take over its business. The office staff were dismissed, allegedly on Hillary Clinton's orders, and seven months later Mr Livingstone obtained the FBI file on Billy Dale, its director, in what Republicans believe was a highly improper retrospective attempt to justify his removal.

Adviser and CIA director. respectively. Mr Marceca's goal was to show he was An FBI official who worked at the White House just before merely engaged in an indisthe dismissals has told congressional investigators that officials pumped him for confidential background information on Mr Dale, and Mr Clinger produced other documents showing the White House was engaged in an damaging information (as possible) about Billy Dale and ing the dirty work of someone nis colleagues".

Despite the files issue and other scandals besetting the White House, Mr Clinton continues to maintain a 20point lead over Bob Dole, a New York Times poll showed



A witch doctor casts her vote outside Durban yesterday during local government elections in KwaZulu/Natal

Inkatha brings violence to ballot box

FROM INIGO GILMORE IN LINDELANI, NEAR DURBAN

JN A KwaZulu/Natal rural township not known for its years, the choice of headwear was tempting fate. As the

young man approached the vesterday's local government elections, supporters of the Inkatha Freedom Party, incensed by his African National baseball cap, set upon him.

Within moments the two sides of rival supporters were exchanging abuse and stones and only the timely interven-

tion of peace monitors prevented a man from being shot by an inkatha supporter wielding a pistol. Fearful for their safety police whisked the ANC supporters from the

Perched on a hillside peppered with palm trees and encircled by sugar cane, the tented polling station was set cement houses of Lindelani, a dusty township 40 miles along the north coast from Durban, which in recent years has come to resemble

in a province fought over since the mid-1980s by supporters of Chief Mangosuthu, Buthel-

the governing party, is unlike-

ly to win an outright majority

and has been engaged in a bungled effort to find a post-

election coalition partner. It

has encouraged those of its supporters who are unlikely to

in constituency seats

detatch themselves and form

separate parties. None of these

barely legitimate offspring

shows any sign of enough

voter appeal to overcome the 5

per cent threshold that bars

the way to list representation.

worse. Still struggling with

the legacy of its surprising record in office and having

suffered an earlier left-wing

defection. Labour does not

even have the comfort of

waiting for government un-

popularity to push the elector-

al pendulum in its direction.

When the pendulum swings, it

is likely to swing towards one

Labour has done even

ezi's Inkatha and the ANC. "What happened here today goes to prove that despite what their leaders may say, inkatha is not committed to peace." claimed Thulani Gumede, the ANC candidate.

The ugly standoff and rhetoric in Lindelani appeared to fly in the face of recent upbeat talk in KwaZulu/Natal about the shift towards greater tolerance and peace before the twice-delayed poll.

have persisted in several areas in the run-up to polling day — 13 election candidates have been killed. Mary de Haas, an academic and violence monicircumstances it was unrealistic to expect these elections, especially in rural areas, to reflect the real will of the voters. "Anyone who has any contact on the ground knows that the situation has not really changed."

Yet violence and killings

William Rees-Mogg, page 18

WORLD SUMMARY

Greece **buries** an icon

Athens: Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Socialist party leader and working class icon, was buried yesterday as his heirs prepared for a Homeric tussle for his larger-than-life mantle Uohn Carr writes).

Tens of thousands of mourners followed the bier as it left the main Athens Orthodox Cathedral. Ironically, the coffin of the man who spent most of his political career fighting the military estabgrave strapped to a gun carriage. Four ships full of mourners sailed overnight from Crete, a socialist bastion.

Kabul barrage kills 60 civilians

Islamic militants of the Taleban militia poured more than 300 rockets and shells into Kabul, killing 60 civilians and injuring more than 100, in one of the worst assaults in their year-long siege of the Afghan capital (Michael Dynes writes). The barrage coincided with the return to he city of matvar, who resumed his office as Prime Minister 30 months after his abortive attempt to seize power from President Rabbani.

Last Yiddish daily to close

Paris: Unzer Wort ("Our Word"), the world's last Yiddish daily newspaper, will close at the end of this month (Ben Macintyre writes). The newspaper, published in Paris since the end of the Second World War, was killed by rising costs and competition from larger French-language rivals. Several Yiddish periodicals still survive and a weekly newspaper is published in the United States.

Diana Ross's brother killed

New York: The decomposing bodies of Arthur "T Boy" Ross, 47, the brother of the singer Diana Ross, and an unidentified woman were found in a dilapidated suburban house in Detroit with three starving pit bull terriers (Tom Rhodes writes). The couple had been suffocated and police are seeking two people who had rented

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be loved by the general public would surprise old-fashioned lawyers and their clients, but Lord Denning, the former Mas-ter of the Rolls, has a special place in the country's affections.

Lord Denning is 97 and, as he proudly adds, a third. At the end of life, as in the nursery, every month counts and is recorded. Despite his age Lord Denning talks as fluently as ever about his long life: his childhood, schooling, the army on the Western Front in the First World War, and the law. He still remembers, and describes with remarkable clarity, his visits to

his mother's home in Lincoln. For although he was brought up in Wessex, and still speaking with a Wessex burr, it was his mother who, hardened by east-coast winds, was the dominant force in his early family

Lord Denning is becoming physically frail but is still independent. He is able to walk for a few steps in the garden each day with the help of a stick in one hand, and his other arm held by a helper. The former judge's life centres on his house, where he claims to have the best private law library in the country. At home he enjoys entertaining his friends and family in his drawing-room, and still insists on going upstairs to bed. Unfortunately all three rooms - his library, his sitting-room and his bedroom - around which his days revolve are on different levels, and separate flights of stairs have to be negotiated to so from one to the other.

For a man who was a Royal Engineer and had built bridges and tunnelled in dark trenches on the battlefield during the final advance in France after August 1918, the problem of the stairs didn't seem insur-mountable. Lord Denning decided that if he

X-ray workers and

rays wears protective cloth-ing and shelters behind screens during the

It has been feared for at least 40 years that

Research workers have recently investigat-

ed the health of the children of more than

6,500 radiographers and have published their survey in the Journal of Occupational

The results of the research are reassuring.

The children of radiographers seem to be no

more likely than those born to comparable

groups to suffer from congenital malforma-

tion, from leukaemia or from other child-

hood malignancies. The absence of any

hood disease applied equally well whether the radiographers were working full

the possible danger of radiation might not

only affect those who work with X-rays -Madame Curie was one of the early

casualties - but also their children.

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RADIOLOGISTS, radiogra-

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taking of the film.

was to stay at home he would have to invest in stair lifts, and his house now has three which transport him in safety from his books to his friends or to bed.

Fractures from accidents in the home are a constant threat to older people, and their seriousness is underrated. No part of the house is more dangerous than its stairs and steps; the installation of the lift reduces this danger. The statistics of falls are frightening. Usually it is the hip which breaks, and between 12 and 20 per cent of these patients die within a year.

the greater the age the greater the mortality. But many of those who survive both the fall and surgery are thereafter unable to live without nursing

help.
The Dennings are a long-lived family. One brother was killed 80 years ago this month on the Somme while serving in the Lincolnshire regiment, and another was killed in the Navy; but of those who survived the war, one become a general who lived to be 95 and the other, an admiral, died when he was nearly

There are many similar families, and people, who have every hope of punishing their pension funds, and being happy and fulfilled, if only they can find the right place

to spend their old age.

The increasing cost of living in old people's homes, which under the new regulations can devour a lifetime's savings as well as the cash from the sale of the family house in a year or two, makes modification of an existing house so that frailty may be accommodated a financial as well as medical priority. Living at home, with friends and family visiting, books to read and a garden to admire, will keep Alzheimer's at bay by providing the necessary intellectual stimulation.

New treatment for

bleed and cause the muscles of the sphincter to go into spasm, which increases the

As a first line of treatment the patient is

given mild laxatives such as Fybogei and bland suppositories. Local anaesthetics were

once commonly prescribed but these can

result in rashes and other problems of sensitivity. Previously If the fissure became

chronic, surgery was recommended. The

surgeon cut a few muscle fibres in the sphincter so that spasm was prevented and

The British Journal of Surgery has

recently reported an alternative treatment.

Instead of cutting the muscle fibres, the patient is prescribed an ointment containing

glyceryl trinitrate, usually used to control

fissure heals. The trial was a small one but

the results were considered good enough to

warrant more extensive research.

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ANAL fissures are rarely, if

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Jackie Jack today and, below, in her Sixties modelling heyday: "Life's too short to be angry. I have a wonderful family and millions of friends"

United in the war on cancer

A Sixties model is one of a group refusing to give in to myeloma. Jeremy Laurance reports

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he has appeared on catwalks across the world but today Jackie Jack is on a different stage. She is not pouting at the camera, sashaying down the street or swinging thigh-high boots across the arm of a sofa. She is describing what it is like to confront her own mortality.

Jackie has myeloma, a rare cancer of the bone marrow, and so does her audience - 300 fellow sufferers and their spouses meeting for the first time Theirs is a unique bond, a compulsive appetite for information that might help in their battle for life.

As a fashion model in the

Jackie – née Bowyer – was equally dazzled by the flashy glamour of East End hoodlums and the opulent style of West End aristos. She drank cocktails in New York with the Queen Mother and waterskied in St Tropez with the Great Train Robbers. Her husband, Peter Scott - the second of four - was a cat burglar who earlier this year published his autobiography.

Gentleman Thief. "Modelling was a differ ent sort of business in those days. There was a pub in Belgravia called The Star. You'd see the Burtons in there, Richard Harris, an inspector from Scotland Yard in one corner, a burglar and a model in another."

Jackie, whose looks were once compared to those of the Italian filmstar Claudia Cardinale, was Vidal Sassoon's house model and did long seasons at Harrods. When her career wound down in the 1970s she had a baby - the first of three - and devoted herself to her family. Then, in 1993, myeloma struck. Myeloma is a fatal cancer. There is

no cure. It affects more than 3,000 people in the UK each year. Some die quickly while others survive for many years. But every sufferer knows the bell

It is how sufferers cope with this knowledge, and with the disease, that differs. For this event, Jackie has agreed to be interviewed in front of the audience by Professor Anthony Clare, giving a live performance of the BBC Radio 4 programme In the Psychia-

trist's Chair. How had she felt when she learnt she had cancer? "I am a very positive person. There are many things in life you can't change - you can only help them. You have to take things as they

But the diagnosis must have come as fractures in two years. Every time I coughed or sneezed I would break another rib. I was fed up dragging myself round private specialists. I

thought, oh well, at least I've got something." Was she angry? "Life's too short. I have a wonderful husband and a family and millions of friends. There is no point in not making the most of it."

Her turbulent life has given her the emotional strength to deal with this crisis. Yellowing newspaper cuttings from the 1960s reveal a woman who played fast and loose. On one occasion she was prosecuted for obstructing police officers

chasing her errant husband by cling-ing to a door. "I've had a lot of hassle and upset, but if I have a problem on Monday, by Wednesday I am looking for the next one." It is a bravura performance deliv-

ered with zest and good humour. But as Dr Clare invites comments from the floor, the atmosphere is subdued, as if no one can quite match Jackie's feel-good attitude.

"We were surprised by the lack of criticism," says Dr Ray Powles, in charge of the myeloma unit at the Royal Marsden hospital, London, and organiser of the conference. "Perhaps people felt they wanted to be positive because this is the first time such an event has been held outside the United States. The idea is to help sufferers and their families to become more actively involved in the decisions that are taken about their treatment and care."

eloma Foundation flew over from America to help the Royal Marsden to organise the event. Susi Novis, its president, whose husband Brian was co-founder of the foundation before his death from myeloma aged 33, says: When my husband was diagnosed we knew nothing about the disease. We thought, what the hell is it and what do we do about it? Then, later, we thought, wouldn't it be a great idea for patients to meet with the professionals to discuss it?"

The foundation has now held six seminars throughout the US. Such has been the enthusiasm for the idea that a dozen American sufferers flew here

to share the British Ms Novis says: "You can see that you are not alone. The way to feel better as a patient is to find out about the disease so you can make choices. But everybody's agenda - what they want out of life — is different."

Encouraging news that a cure may be in sight comes from Dr Powles. Until ten years ago, no one with myeloma went into remission. Now half of all patients at the Marsden do. "in all the blood cancers the starting point for a cure was getting patients into remission. Then you can start to devise strategies. We are where we were with leukaemia in the 1970s, and we would expect a cure to follow."

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Closing ranks on Eton's outcast

Was Anthony Chenevix-Trench fired as Head Master because he indulged in the cane and the bottle? Marcus Scriven reports

The epitaph, belated, ugly and unexpected. appeared two years ago. It was then, in an authorised history of Eton, that its Vice Provost, Tim Card, disclosed that the late Anthony Chenevix-Trench had not resigned as the school's Head Master - as had been claimed at the time - but had been forced out.

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Eton's Fellows, Card explained, had come to believe that Chenevix-Trench was irredeemably flawed by a predilection for the cane - made harder to mask by his liking for the bottle, "He regarded corporal punishment not as

the last resort but almost as the first,' wrote Card, who 'He was recorded that he had once been not, dare I heard to remark: 'A good thing the say it, a NSPCC does not know about this." natural His presence at the school threatened Etonian scandal. So he had

head' His former pupils — from Eton. Shrewsbury, Bradfield and Fettes - were divided. David Tredinnick, an Old Etonian, now Tory MP for Bosworth, said his Head Master had been "on the side of the angels": Paul Foot, who had known him at Shrewsbury, called him an "absolutely revolting and poisonous man, a sadist and a pervert".

Now Mark Peel, a master at Fettes, has written a biography of Chenevix-Trench in which he emerges as a complex figure: an exceptional pedagogue who detested wasted talent; a diverting conversationalist, superb in interview, who nevertheless lacked selfconfidence, and desperately needed to be liked; an essentially conservative man who infuriated Old Etonian elements by minor reforms.

Born in 1919, Chenevix-Trench was reading Herodotus at six; ten years later, he Shrewsbury to Christ Church. At school, where he was an

rowed for his college, the young man made light of the fact that he was only 5ft 4in tall. He joined the Royal Artillery and after the fall of Singapore spent three years as a POW, six months on the Burma Road, sustaining himself by translating A Shropshire Lad into Latin.

Those who met him on his return to Oxford found him a highly sociable, effervescent man, able to survive on very little sleep. He took an outstanding First, before returning to teach at Shrewsbury. He proved an inspirational master: theatrical and innovative - sometimes beginning a

with Swinburn or Housman, "before branching out into Ovid. Thucydides or Homer, quoting reams of their lines verbatim" - lucid and patient, and always demanding complete commitment from those in his charge. Christ Church

was ecstatic when it lured him back in 1951, boasting: "We have secured as our new permanent Mods don, in succession to his old tutor Mr Page, the one man we thought of as a worthy But within a year, frustrated

that he could not shape his undergraduates' destiny in the way that he could a sixth former's, he returned to Shrewsbury as a housemaster. declining an invitation to be Headmaster of Charterhouse.

By 1955, he had been appointed Headmaster of Bradfield. Eight years later, it was announced that he would succeed Robert Birley at Eron. Expectations were im-

mense. Trench had by then become renowned beyond the public school and Oxbridge world: Anthony Sampson made special mention of him while discussing headmasters in his Anatomy of Britain: and appointed to the Robbins comminee on higher education.





Happier days: Anthony Chenevix-Trench with his wife Elizabeth and their two children in 1958, left; and in his study as the newly installed Head Master of Eton in 1964

believe I have met a prophet, a practical, pragmatic teacher, who has it in his heart to inspire and transform our society through our children." Yet disaster followed. At Bradfield. Chenevix-Trench had always set great store on

knowing every boy in the school. At Eton (with 1,200 pupils) this was not only impossible, it was also resented by the housemasters who enjoyed great autonomy. In these circumstances, his

insecurity, his need to be liked, was disastrous. On occasions, he promised the same job to two or more masters; he wavered too long over decisions, and, having made them, failed to seek out sufficient support to ensure their imple-According to Mark Peel, the

defining moment of his time at

masters that the school should abandon the tail coat, despite having assured the sixth form that its disappearance was imminent. I want brilliant young men from the East End," he had said of his intention to do away with the Eton caste. "How can I expect them to wear a tail coat?"

The incident seems to have wounded him deeply, if only because it impressed upon him that he was an outsider the first Head Master who had been neither pupil nor teacher at the school.

ne OE of the time recalls: "He wasn't, dare I say it, what l'd call a natural Etonian Head Master. He didn't have that easy manner .. is the distinguishing mark of the Old Etonian."

service in chapel rather than two; a form of social service immigrant children.

once said. The best are beyond praise. The worst are more bloody than one could possibly imagine. His other reforms were better judged than his attempt to do away with the tail coat: subjects like English and geography were encouraged; boys were obliged to attend one

him pause for thought. On

more than one occasion, he

was mistaken for the butler.

His nickname, Chummy, was

more likely to be overlaid with

mild contempt than affection.

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The spectrum of Etonians is

was introduced, with Etonians visiting the elderly or teaching Inevitably, though, while these developments appeared intolerable to the old guard.

Sixties. One recalls: "Everything was being questioned. We all wanted to grow our hair, we all wanted to smoke dope, to listen to the Rolling Stones playing in Hyde Park. He was on shifting ground but he had to hold the line."

In the end, it was unruliness in one house, leading to the expulsion of three boys, which proved Chenevix-Trench's undoing. Rather than remove the housemaster, he offered Eton's Provost, Lord Caccia, his own resignation. Caccia brushed it aside. When trouble flared in the house again, he sacked the housemaster. Walls were emblazoned with slogans de-Chenevixmanding that Trench go.

It was characteristically maladroit management and, taken with the rumours about

the worse for drink, it was enough to persuade the Fellows that he had lost his grip. In 1969, a letter to parents announced his "retirement".

ust how much Chenevix-Trench's taste for corporal punishment counted against him may never be known. According to Peel, there will certainly never be any agreement about what inspired it. "There are those who thought that it was simply what happened at the time; there are those who thought that he enjoyed it but so what? And there were those who thought there was something more sinister in it." Peel's own conclusion is that there was "legitimate criticism: he would mix justice

with enthusiasm". It does not, however, eclipse fervently in the capacity for good in all those whom he taught, and who so often helped them to release it. Chenevix-Trench died, aged

only 60, at Fettes a few weeks before he was due to retire. His abrupt departure from Eton had tainted his name with failure. But his career is more fairly judged by his many unheralded successes, when, in Peel's words, he found "the illusive spark which enabled each individual to find his special work". Among the many former

pupils at his funeral was David McAree, who flew back for it from the Far East, McAree's First at Oxford must have given Chenevix-Trench special satisfaction: it was only at his insistence that the boy had been accepted for Fettes, after another school expelled him.

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Doubting Tony's fatal referendum

Magnus Linklater on Blair's

retreat from Scottish devolution

jor's feelings these days about the Union. Whenever he speaks about it - and he does so with increasing frequency -he is almost embarrassingly passionate. Defending the United Kingdom against the assaults of the reformers may be, for him, a relatively new cause (it was recommended to him by Ian Lang after the election in 1992), but like many a convert, he has embraced it with enthusiasm. This is one basic he is always happy to go

The late John Smith was just as fervent about the need for change. His commitment to Scottish devolution was fundamental, and he used to surprise his colleagues by making it his central theme on unexpected occasions. Tony Blair, however, is less certain. It is a policy he has inherited, and which he has dutifully endorsed, but about which he has honest doubts. Not the least of these is whether it can be made to work. Hence the suggestion, which will become clearer today, that there might have to be a referendum on devolution within a few months of a Labour election victory. The idea would be to offer the voters a

clear choice on a constitutional issue. The idea may not be quite so crudely spelt out by Donald Dewar and George Robertson today, or by Tony Blair tomorrow. It

is just one of many

which is expected to emerge from the inquiry that Lord Irvine of Laing has been carrying out into constitutional reform. But however it is dressed up, it is likely to go down in Scotland like a lead balloon. It will be seen less as a robust response to John Major's line than as a way of appeasing the "devo-sceptics" in Mr Blair's own ranks. It will raise the awful spectre of the last such referendum, in. 1979, which is still remembered by many as a Labour the suspicion in the minds of some of the party faithful that this is a way of postponing or even ditching a policy that is bristling with uncertainties The prospect of a referendum. with some of the unionist hard-liners within the party's most senior ranks arguing against a Scottish parliament or a Weish assembly, will strike discord just when Labour's activists should be

rallying to the cause.
There is, too, a simple question to ask, namely why should a referendum be necessary at all? After all, the party choices which will be on offer at a general election could hardly be clearer. The Tories propose an unchanged United lingdom, the Nationalists are for separation. Labour and the Liberal Democrats are for devolution. That is, in effect, a ready-made multi-option referendum. Unlike the fundamental constitutional issue of membership of the European Union, over which Baroness Thatcher and Sir James Goldsmith can legitimately claim that the voter is being offered no real choice by the parties, devolution is an issue on

here is no doubting the which each party can properly strength of John Ma-say that it offers a clear programme. If the voters don't want it, they have a means of registering their views. The details will then rest in the

hands of politicians. So why is Mr Blair introducing an extra dimension to a debate that is already in full spate? There are, of course. respectable reasons, and these will doubtless he elaborated by him tomorrow. The move will be presented as a way of throwing open the debate on a complex constitutional issue, with a White Paper or some such device allowing the electorate to think carefully before deciding whether it wishes to take such a drastic step.

At the same time, the move will be presented by the spin-doctors as a way of wrong-footing the Tories, depriving them of the advantage they have gained recently by banging on about the drawbacks of the "tartan tax". And behind the scenes, it will be used as a means of pacifying those English MPs who are growing increasingly uneasy about the parliamentary time that will be needed to pilot through the legislation, and by the divisive arguments over the exact relationship between Westminster

and Edinburgh, or Westminster and Alarm bells

now be

ringing in

Scotland

It is perhaps this last question that has convinced Mr Blair that a holding operation may be necessary. If the Labour Party wins the election, the new intake of MPs will

be almost wholly English. There may be a couple of seats to be grabbed back in Scot-land, but that will be a small expansion compared to the new element brought in by a Labour majority in England Very few of these new members will have devolution on their minds. They will be exercised about employment, the economy, the health service. The last thing they will want to discuss is the minutiae of the West Lothian question, or Yet if they are assured that all these will be thrashed out in the context of a referendum

they will probably be pacified. But that is not the way it will be seen in Scotland. Alarm bells will ring for those who despair at the memory of the 1979 referendum. when an amendment introduced by George Cunning-ham, the Labour MP for Islington South, stipulated that 40 per cent of the total electorwould have to vote yes before legislation could be implemented. They will point out that a majority of Scots actually voted yes last time, but that their views were ignored. They will see in any

clear commitment. And they will wonder whether history is not beginning to repeat itself." Memories are long in Scot-land, and Mr Blair would do well to take note of this. What is needed now is a robust defence by Labour of a reform that is long overdue and eagerly awaited, rather than a thinly-disguised device for procrastination.

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"THERE'S GOT TO BE AN EASIER WAY ...

Mandela's party is over

'esterday's election in Kwa-Zulu/Natal completes the South Africa. President Nelson Mandela's visit to Britain next month will largely be a celebration of the transition from white supremacy to black majority rule, and of his leadership of the African National Congress (ANC). This is natural. The apartheid system was violent and unjust, and caused great inefficiency as well as much social suffering. It was also unstable. From the beginning, in the late 1940s, independent observers concluded that the apartheid structure could not survive. Most observ-ers expected it to end in revolution and bloodshed.

There remains in the West a warm glow from having seen justice triumph over injustice, and there is, as there should be, great admiration for Nelson Mandela himself. That has led people to misunderstand both the strengths of the old regime, and the weaknesses of the new one. No one wishes to appear an apologist for racism and fascism.

Yet the apartheid regime, however hateful, had two important advantages. Because all were living under the same tyranny, the differences between black tribes tended to be suppressed. The ANC aimed to be pan-tribal in its composition, and to some extent it is. Nevertheless, as KwaZulu/Natal politics have shown, the Zulus' claim to independence in their own area remains a threat to the unity of South Africa. Chief Buthelezi and his inkatha party are real political forces which represent the aspirations of large numbers of Zulus.

The more important strength of the apartheid system was the contribu-tion of the white ellite — and that is the point which is so hard to admit. South Africa under apartheid was a Third World black economy with a First World white economy superimposed upon it. The whites were not themselves completely free, but to a large extent they lived in an openmarket, democratic society subject to the rule of law, and with a substantial measure of free speech. It was the

blacks who were oppressed. This white society was able to reach much higher standards of economic efficiency than the leadership of other African countries or of Communist countries. One measure of the efficiency was that the blacks, although oppressed, enjoyed the highest standard of living in sub-Saharan Africa.

The Government in post-apartheid

South Africa is refusing to face reality

Black productivity under the apart-heid managers was generally higher

than it is now. When a modern tyranny comes to an end, there may be a choice be-tween the Gorbachev and the Deng Xiaoping models, between giving pri-ority to democratic or to economic liberalisation. In South Africa that choice may never have been a real one. If the whites had tried to follow the Chinese model, and had seriously attempted to continue political apart-

heid while dismantling economic apartheid, they would have been forced to give up their political control. Indeed, that is to some extent what they did try, but events moved much faster than expected. The ending of

apartheid in South Africa was, as a result, much more like the ending of Communist power in Russia than like the economic reforms of China.

The economic consequences have so far been alarming for both whites and blacks. The best measure of the problem is the continued rise in South African unemployment. South Africa probably now has the highest unemployment of any substantial country. The European Union is one of the world's high-unemployment regions, with average levels above 10 per cent. South Africa's is three times as high, with statistically identified unemployment at about 33 per cent, and total non-employment at around 40 per cent on some estimates. Even this alarming level is still rising quite sharply. Obviously, the great major-

ity of the unemployed are black. There are several explanations. One is that the part of the economy that created the jobs was the white part. Africanisation and the transfer of power have replaced many of the white managers, but not their jobcreating ability. Another reason is put bluntly by an experienced observer: "South Africa now has the lowest productivity in the whole industrial

or developing world, and the most expensive workforce." This seems to be borne out by the unemployment figures, but it is also supported by international comparisons. Last December, Boston University published its survey of the competitiveness of 41 countries, judged by certain precise measure-ments. It put Britain in 14th place, with France 13th and Australia 15th. South Africa came 35th. It could perhaps be worse, but the detail was more depressing. "Of the 38 tech-niques evaluated . . . South Africa rates lowest of 41 countries in 29, and

next to last in seven." Apartheid left behind two particularly damaging legacies. South Afri-ca is underskilled, with only 11 per cent of the workforce highly skilled.

and 53 per cent un-skilled. The First World average is almost the reverse, with 31 per cent highly skilled and only 16 per cent unskilled. Apartheid's

and dangerous legacy is that the black people saw the first majority elections as a victory which would rapidly raise their standard of living towards that of the whites. Expectations were much too high. The economy was in a disastrous condition, much like that of the defeated European nations after 1945. The ending of apartheid presented South Africa with at least as great a challenge as Russia confronted at the

end of Communism. The new South African Government, which has now been in power for two years, has not responded to the real needs of this situation. Problack "affirmative action" may have been inevitable, but it has replaced technically competent white managers with under-skilled black managers, right up to board level. The Government does not set itself high standards of efficiency. One report states that 23 per cent of all ministerial meetings have to be cancelled because the minister fails to turn up. President Mandela himself is the father of his country, but he is, notsurprisingly, often remote from the executive and administrative decisions. As President he is more like the non-executive chairman than the chief executive of his country. There is no effective chief executive. He is also

has policies to deal with these problems, they are probably the wrong ones. The Government is under strong Communist influence, with Communists forming 30 per cent of the Cabinet and something like 50 per cent of the regional parliaments. Privatisation has largely been blocked, though it is badly needed. The Communist-led trade unions have pushed through a new labour law which employers regard as seriously biased against them. In some important industries, such as gold and sugar, the trade unions have achieved a 400 per cent rise in wages, despite falling productivity. Although the Government's deficit has been cut, it is still running at around 6 per cent of gross domestic product, and the rand has been

falling steadily on foreign exchanges.

There has also been a terrifying rise in crime. Johannesburg's police, chief was recently quoted as saying that South Africa was in danger of becoming "a gangster state where hijackers, drug lords, muggers and other criminals will trample hardwon democratic rights into the dust". Again the situation sounds very like that in Russia. In 1994, 800,000 violent crimes were reported, including 18,000 murders, 67,000 armed robberies and 31,000 rapes. South Africa has become a dangerous place to live. and that obviously discourages foreign managers and foreign

Similar warnings have been given to the South African Government by one of its best friends. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who played such an important part in the struggle against apartheid, told an audience of South African churchmen last year that the country was sliding lato "nepotism, corruption, inefficiency

and unpunctuality". Governments have to deliver what they promise. South African democ-racy is a great achievement. It is now threatened by the failure of the Government to overcome these very serious economic and social problems. There is still much goodwill towards South Africa in the rest of the world, but there is little that other countries can do, unless the Government itself adopts policies which at least point in the right direction, and shows some administrative grip. Money will not help. It never does help to fund a flight from reality.

rades even when they are manifestly

incompetent or wrong-headed.
In so far as the ANC Government warned recently, "is the new task of the struggle against splittism."
Superficially, Peking seems, as the Chinese say, to be "dropping a stone on its own feet" by provoking international outrage from Muslims and the millions for whom Tibet is an less. Things are not point hadly for

exile or under locksand key.

o why the Wall of Steel? Why - a guarantee opposition by tearing down pictures of the Dalai Lama in monasteries where the

Even today Chinese learn two con-5 flicting things about the Mongois and talism. Xinjiang's Muslims, who are not fundamentalists, instantly defied

of Xinjiang have a bright future." In Tibet, where Chinese repression has continued since 1950, there is now a more cosmic dilemma for Peking there too the Party comes before God. Eventually, the 14th Dalai Lama, born in 1935, will die. A 15th incarnation will need to be discovered and sanctioned. This process, which can take three years, is traditionally overseen by Tibers second holiest personage, the Panchen Lama. Personage the Panchen Lama. king last year kidnapped the Panchen approved by the Dalai Lama; he has a since vanished. Peking then "discovered" its own six-year-old "soul child". President Jiang has personal and ly lectured the young impostor on his duty to the Party. Last month, Mr Jiang, with undeliberate irony, in-scribed a plaque for the pseudo-

of steel A war of religion is looming, says Jonathan Mirsky

China's

great wall

To the West, it is baffling that a., harmless resolution by the Bundestag condemning human rights violations in Tibet should have soured Bonn's relations with Peking, which has cancelled a visit by the Foreign Minister, Klaus Kinkel Nor does the Dalai Lama's visit to : Germany explain Peking's reaction.

The solution lies in the overwhelming importance China attaches to its vast Tibetan and Muslim regions.

Herr Kinkel's China-watchers had probably already drawn his attention to recent lethal pronouncements from China's western frontiers, which are on perpetual red-alert: "The struggle is a long-term, bitter, complex you-die I-live battle with no possibility of compromise . . . We must crush the . arrogance of enemy elements. We must destroy the soil from which they

take nourishment." This is the language of the Cultural Revolution and the Tiananmen killings; it must be taken literally. This time, however, it is not aimed at political dissidents but at Muslims. and Buddhists in Xinjiang and Tibet, regions inhabited by fewer than 20 million people, a drop in China's vast sea of 1.2 billion people, but taking up

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almost half its land mass.
For two months Peking has been focusing its attention on Xinjiang and Tibet. Officials in Xinjiang have called for a "Great Wall of Steel" to curb the ambitions of "splittists". This phrase was last used by Deng-Xiaoping on June 9, 1989, when he congratulated the army's senior commanders for crushing the Tiananmen uprising by serving as a Great Wall of Steel. Splittism is also the fear in Tibet. "Prevention and eradication of the terroristic destructive activities of hostile forces," the Tibet Daily

icon. Things are not going badly for China. It has weathered the failure of its clumsy bullying of Taiwan in March. Everyone has welcomed its far from watertight agreement to stop nuclear testing. It is getting its way in Hong Kong, and has signed treaties with Russia and three bordering states. Most dissidents are either in

have been allowed for over ten years? Every country's leaders have nightmares. Behind the vermilion walls of the Forbidden City, the dreams that troubled the sleep of Chinese emperors still disturb the Communist Party's leaders. These include official corruption, an uneasy peasantry and an all-powerful ruler who is dying. But restive "minorities" along the western and northwestern frontiers !! are especially frightening. In the 8th century. Tibetan cavalrymen sacked : the capital of the Tang, the greatest w dynasty in Chinese history. Mongol: and Manchu horsemen swept out of the Steppes in the 13th and 17th centuries, establishing the Yuan and

Qing dynasties.

the Manchus. They were barbar-ians who ruled the Central Kingdom with great cruelty for about 500 years, before being overthrown by the real Chinese, the Han. But the borders established by those barbarian rulers, extending to the western edges of Xinjiang and Tibet, are shown on today's maps as China's legitimate frontiers. Officially, their peoples are members of the Chinese great family" - though in practice !! Uighurs and Tibetans are often seen 🕏 as ungrateful, rebellious minorities. Why is Peking cracking down on Xinjiang and Tibet now? In April. President Jiang agreed with Russia. Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan on a policy to crush fundamenthis concordat. In China religious defiance, or "splittism", is always a popular target. All religious groups in China have been ordered to submit to tighter central control. The Xinjiang Daily warned that "free :.. dom of religious belief is not freedom ? of religion", and made clear Peking's unwavering priority: "Only under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party and by following the socialist road can the various peoples

Panchen's monastery: "Safeguard the ! country and benefit the people."

Auf wiedersehen

MORE developments from the his head and promptly called for a Daily Mirror bunker, where that helmet. Two balls later, according fine young Editor Piers "Guten" Morgan is now under siege not just from readers but from his management after the paper's front-page declaration of football war on

The Mirror Group's share price slipped early yesterday on news that advertisers were pulling out in protest at the paper's xenophobic coverage of the Euro 96 football championship. And despite a rally later in the day, staff at the paper reported that Guten's survival was hanging on the outcome of the England-Germany match.

The police won't look kindly on him if we lose and there are riots afterwards," said one journalist before the game. There has been talk of a prosecution for inciting

racial hatred." Guten was said to be twitchier than a bagful of German weasels as he watched the game at the office last night. He referred questions about his tenure to the management, and to add to his woes there is now concern for his health. For while batting at a cricket match on Sunday, he topedged a short ball on 10 the side of

to a letter in The Guardian, he lost his off stump. "He took no further part in the match . . . I feel sure that his rational view of Euro 96 has been affected by the blow," asserts the correspondent.

 Dudley Moore, Jean-Claude Van Damme and Elizabeth Taylor



"It can't be. The bloke who sold me this said it was the one they played with"

divorces. Between them they have notched up 15 failed marriages: four each to the men and seven to the lady. That's Hollywood.

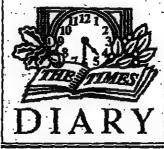
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BELATED Happy Birthday to our Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rif-kind, who was 50 on the day he finalised the Florence beef deal. He was greeted with a hernia-inducing rendition of "Happy Beefday" by fellow delegates, who are clubbing together to buy a recording by an ugly pop group, Poor Cow. Its song Sick and Tired of the B'beef Scare has been deemed an appropriate gift for Rifkind, not least for the snatches it contains of Douglas Hogg rapping on about the "selective cull restriction policy" above a charus of moos.

Court out

MARTIN AMIS has been told to sharpen up his game, because his first service as Wimbledon reporter for the London Evening Standard wasn't up to scratch. I understand that senior executives on the paper have described his first report as "too technical".

He predicted that the stars of the tournament would be Agassi, Cou-



rier and Chang, all of whom were beaten in the first round. He also rated the French Open champion, Yevgeny Kafelnikov, beaten by Britain's Tim Henman. Amis's column yesterday contained no predictions. Nor any apologies.

Wren's nest

TOBY JESSEL has Sir Christopher Wren at his house in Hampton Court. The Tory MP for Wimbledon lives where the great architect died in 1723, and his ghost is haunting the place, in a friendly sort of way.

The spirit seems to have kept out of the way of Jessel himself, a man my colleague Matthew Parris believes should replace tear-gas and water-cannon to counter riots, because he is so noisy. But his wife Eira says she has seen it. "I feel

diffident about talking about it as people think I'm porty, but it was so powerful I have to acknowledge she says. "He stood there smiling and there was a voice speaking all around me saying 'I like your singing and you are very welcome in my house.' I had an extraordinary feeling of joy and happiness."

excessively loyal to his ANC com-

 A burly guard has been posted in front of Madame Tussaud's Jürgen Klinsmann waxwork in case the flighty German footballer falls victim to English fans.

Deadly jewel

EVEN the finest art dealers had to endure the cultural adjustment to football last night. Dukes and duchesses were glued to screens like the best beer-swillers when Spink & Sons, an outfit with a pedigree stretching back to 1666, threw a party for its new jewellery store.

Against the old guard's wishes, Spink's had to bring in televisions for fear that customers such as the Duke and Duchess of Marlborough, Lord and Lady Astor and Sally Burton would insist on the football. I understand that one peer demanded beer instead of champagne, better to capture the Wem-

bley atmosphere.



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FLAWED REFORM

Difficult constitutional questions have not found clear answers

Constitutional Reform can seem like politics at its driest; in reality it is about power at its rawest. John Major and Jack Straw outlined rival constitutional visions last night, dressed up in appropriate historical and legal finery. But both are engaged in an auction for votes not an academic debate.

There is nothing new in this. The struggles over the Reform Bills in the 19th century were also battles of manoeuvre in which principle was often conscripted to party advantage. What is new, as the Prime Minister pointed out, is the scale of change currently proposed by Labour.

Mr Major hopes that an electorate that has had to face rapid economic change will be uneasy with dramatic upheaval elsewhere. He wants to rally anxious Conservative voters with his message that Labour will embark on large, potentially irreversible, changes to the nation's institutions. But, whatever political benefit the Prime Minister discerns, he is also right to alert citizens to what may be done in their name, if not in their interests.

As Labour's economic ambitions have been tempered to take account of reality, so its energy has been transferred to constitutional activism. Mr Straw's speech last night was addressed to Charter 88, the pressure group for a continental-style constitution which has taken a powerful position on the commanding heights of Labour policy-making. Labour is now committed to a tax-raising Scottish Parliament elected by proportional representation, a Welsh Assembly, a Bill of Rights, an appointed second chamber and a referendum on voting systems for the Commons. There are cases for each of these changes; the overall programme, would, however, create a profound alteration in the structure of the nation.

Labour leaders hope that the public distaste that they detect for all current politics may translate into enthusiasm for their future reforms. So far there is little evidence of widespread popular agitation on the scale of the Chartists or the suffragettes. Perhaps that is because it is doubtful whether an electorate with a low view of politicians thinks the solution is legislation to create even more of them.

There is a sense in Scotland, and to an

extent in Wales, that greater autonomy should be granted. Labour argues that if Scotland and Wales are denied assemblies then discontent with Westminster's remoteness will fester into support for separatism. It is certainly the case that a lack of sensitivity to Scotland's distinct political culture has, in the past, placed strain on the Union.

But an even greater strain could be placed on the integrity of the nation by the establishment of separate parliaments in Cardiff and Edinburgh. Mr Blair's reluctance to see a Scottish parliament use its taxraising powers and his apparent support for a referendum indicate an awareness on his part of how dangerous devolution could be.

The creation of a new tranche of professional politicians in competition with Westminster and with a direct line to Brussels would be likely to institutionalise instability. Regionalism has been encouraged across Europe by federalists in order to wrest authority from national parliaments. The Commons may be an imperfect guardian of the nation's liberties; but its capacity to defend them would be undermined from within by the establishment of rival legislatures.

The Prime Minister accepted that there was room for improvement in the operation of the House of Commons even as he defended it in his speech last night. He argued persuasively that it was healthier for the nation to have its arguments conducted openly in an institution "ancient and yet alive" rather than have matters "settled in smoke-filled rooms". But he also conceded that the House, potent as the "theatre for the great convulsions of political history", was not as effective as it could be in scrutinising legislation. His proposals to move the Oueen's Speech to allow more time for consultation and consideration of new laws should lead to better government.

It is to be hoped that the changes outlined are in place before any future Labour government is elected. The attention they have already received have made Labour's constitutional reforms look a little threadbare. Proper scrutiny in Parliament might see them unravel. As they stand Labour's plans still constitute a flawed answer to difficult and all-important questions.

THE COMMON ENEMY

There can be no frontiers to the fight against terrorism

airbase in Saudi Arabia, killing 19 Ameri- Israelis by Hamas, to convince Arab governcans and injuring an no amateur operation. Its force, equivalent to 5,000 pounds of TNT, blew out the building's façade and left a crater 35 feet deep. Trouble was expected. In April, four Saudis publicly confessed to planting last November's bomb at a US-run military training centre in Riyadh. Before they were executed last month, the US Embassy received threats of retaliation. Precautions had been taken. The fact remains that the bombers got through. Their capacity to do so suggests that they may be equipped and organised for further attacks.

Bill Clinton now plans to make the fight against terrorism his top priority at this week's Western summit in Lyons. As a politician's response, that is natural enough: and all Western governments, including Britain's, should review their hospitality to those who incite Middle Eastern Islamists to terrorist acts from the safety of their shores. No step should be neglected that makes the Middle East safer. But Lyons is not where America needs to concentrate its efforts.

The main need is to coordinate a more effective regional response to Islamist extremism. The bombing has been as firmly condemned by Syria's President, Hafez Assad, and by Yassir Arafat as by America's traditional allies in the Middle East. They must be assumed to be sincere; instability in Saudi Arabia unsettles the entire region, to the profit only of Iraq and Iran. This atrocity should therefore assist the American drive.

The blast that ripped the King Abdul Aziz begun this spring in response to attacks on nts and security forc their common enemy. But for Saudi Arabia itself, this grave new challenge comes at a particularly delicate moment.

In January, the ailing King Fahd handed over the reins to Crown Prince Abdullah, only to take them back six weeks later. Mentally as well as physically, his health is believed to have deteriorated greatly since then; he is barely seen. Unaccustomed uncertainty erodes the basis of consent by which, for all the constraints on personal freedoms and the severity with which Sharia is interpreted, the House of Saud rules.

The kingdom is redressing its public finances, but at a social cost. Unemployment and falling living standards have sharpened resentment at the unjust privileges of princes who benefit more than generously from the civil list. Reform, in this profoundly conservative society, requires an undisputed fount of authority. Prince Abdullah is an utter traditionalist; but as a "good" Muslim he is well placed to win over devout Islamists who abhor violence but are repelled by corruption in high places. He has a reputation for personal austerity, honesty and a direct touch that people identify with. But his writ will not run until King Fahd consents; and after this attack, the King may prove even more reluctant to bow out. It is dangerous for any absolute monarchy to lack, to all practical purposes, its absolute monarch. Illness in high places makes today's Saudi Arabia a vulnerable target.

BRIEF LIVES IN OUR TIMES

Let us now praise famous men - not forgetting the women

The history of a nation is defined by the lives of its people. Today the life history of England and then Great Britain is taken a stage further by the publication of the final volume of The Dictionary of National Biography, reviewed on page 34 by Raymond Seitz. The affectionate and educated eye of the former American Ambassador to the Court of St James detects idiosyncrasies in the national character that escape natives, who are themselves shut inside this living history. But even we can see the diverse and diverting ways in which these 450 men and women have written our

history over the last three generations. They made the history, as well as writing its footnotes and exclamation marks. Brief lives have been an English particular from John Aubrey to his successors in the contemporary newspapers. Part of the pleasure of the DNB, as usual, is the skill with which its editor, Christine Nicholls, has matched biographers to their subjects, managing to tempt them to write for the Russell Harty. Yehudi Menuhin on Jacqueline du Pre - - such biographies are historic for their writers as well. There is more to contemporary history than grey political and economic performance. The section for "miscellaneous" occupations

includes Wallis Simpson and Lady Diana Cooper. And the brief lives are mischievous as well as objective: "Some of Roald Dahl's stories about himself were as tall as he was."

This is the last volume of that Victorian monument, the DNB. It will be subsumed into the New DNB early in the next millennium. Computerised and marshalled by specialists in the various fields, this will make room for history-makers neglected by the old DNB, such as women, classic murderers and pre-Independence Americans.

The national biographers are having to find a new job description to cope with the historic function of housekeeper-cum-wifecum-mother. "Housewife" seems inadequate for Elizabeth Baring, who brought up her sons after her husband's death to found the house of Baring Brothers. The New DNB will resurrect from oblivion such little history-makers as Thomas Emes, a prophet who failed to rise from the dead. whose fame rests not so much on any activity during his lifetime, but on the absence of it following his death.

The DNB raises life from the dead past. Its lives touch all who march on the long road of history without ever being memorialised in it. And it proves again that the British are still the best history-makers. in at least one sense of the words.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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The hand that holds the scalpel

From Sir Rodney Sweetnam, President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England

Sir. Your report (June 24) of a nurse performing over 200 operations raises wider issues than the immediately sensational. Nothing illegal has been done for, unlike with animals, there is no law against anyone operating upon patients,

The role of the nurse is rightly expanding as delegated authority for tasks for which they are trained are identified. Patients, though, need guidance if they are to give informed consent for operations by nurses, and other less qualified groups now taking up the scalpel. In most EU countries this is provided by doctors alone being permitted to operate. In the eyes of the public this may or may not be right, but it is high time the qualification to perform a surgical operation was laid down in statute.

It is no longer sufficient for my college to set, and do our best to maintain, the highest standards of surgical care by fully qualified surgeons. whilst at the same time, leader writers, such as your own ("The Nightingale tradition", June 24), imply that our standards are no better than "selfserving protectionism". It is the public that need protection, not surgeons.

Yours faithfully RODNEY SWEETNAM, The Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, WC2.

From Mr David Tolley, FRCS,

Sir, Surgeons should welcome the deployment of appropriately trained nurses to assist them with the performance of minor surgery. Such developments enable surgeons, particularly in hard-pressed specialities, to concentrate their efforts on those operations which require their skills. Patients will benefit from this more appropriate use of the surgeon's time.

One valid objection to this change. not addressed by your leading article, is that performance of these minor surgical procedures forms the basis of surgical training. The Calman changes have already reduced the time junior doctors spend in training grades and have separated the needs of the health service from surgical training.

Thus, if these minor procedures are no longer performed by trainee surgeons, basic surgical skills will be even harder to obtain. The increasing use of tissue simulators is an incomplete substitute for the performance of surgery on patients.

In Edinburgh, we believe that we have struck a balance between the need to improve the quality of care for patients and the requirements to train future surgeons. We have successfully employed radiographers to treat over 5,000 patients with kidney stones by lithotripsy (pulverisation) in the past

Clinical audit has confirmed that the treatment carried out on these patients is at least as good as the results obtained when patients are treated by junior doctors, who spend a limited time in the department. The doctors benefit too, as it allows for more structured training in stone management by freeing them from repetitive and simple tasks. Nursing staff also participate in stone management, spending much of their time counselling patients on various aspects of stone di-

Thus, all have benefited from this approach: the surgeon, who is able to spend more time operating and deve-loping new treatments; the trainee, whose day is spent more appropriately on training; nurses and radio-graphers, who feel more fulfilled as a result of their expanded role; and most of all the patient, who benefits from more individual attention and a higher standard of care.

Yours faithfully, DAVID TOLLEY, (Director), Scottish Lithotriptor Centre, Western General Hospital. Edinburgh. June 24.

Women and food

From the President of the National Council of Women of Great Britain

Sir. Foods scientists have suggested ("You say tornato, I say genetics", June is) that women are more concerned than men about food containing genetically modified ingredients.

Recent findings by the National Council of Women indicate that this may indeed be so. Women, responsible for feeding the next generation. have yet to be convinced, in many cases, that genetic engineering would provide genuine benefits for the con-

Detailed consideration of the longterm nutritional effects of these new foods on young people would be welcome, together with a firmer commitment by the food industry on clear labelling information.

Further thought needs to be given to the balance between economic advantage to producers and consumer acceptance of nutritional value. Yours faithfully,

JEAN CLARK. President. The National Council of Women of Great Britain. 36 Danbury Street, Islington. NI.

Call for quality in digital television

From Mr Ray Fitzwalter and Mr John Woodward

Sir, The Broadcasting Bill has its final reading in the Commons next week. While lawyers at the Department of National Heritage procrastinate over whether the Independent Television Commission does or does not have a mandate to regulate the quality content of new digital services, the future of quality television hangs in the balance.

The Campaign for Quality Television and Britain's independent television production companies want to ensure that, in selecting licensees to run our new digital multiplexes, the ITC proposals for a programme-mix that includes quality elements - such as new and original British programming, independent production and programme production from the regions — are taken into account.

There is of course a balance to be struck in setting the framework for digital television between commercial freedom and quality standards. The new media environment is extremely competitive. But the distinct British tradition of excellence in programmemaking must not be lost in the interests of profit maximisation alone. Nor should the choices on which consumers base their decisions between new services be allowed to be bland versus

We trust that Iain Sproat, Minister of State, Department of National deritage, will make it clear to the House that he is firmly endorsing quality in the Bill.

Yours faithfully RAY FITZWALTER Campaign for Quality Television), JOHN WOODWARD (Chief Executive. Producers Alliance for Cinema and Television). Campaign for Quality Television Ltd,

45 Loftus Road, W12

Dubious honour for British chat TV

From Mr Harry E. Turner

Sir. Many who work in British television maintain, with honest if slightly xenophobic conviction, that it is still the best in the world (letters, June 19).

It is difficult for me to be objective about a medium in which I worked for 30 years, but until recently I believed British TV talk shows were sliding into an abyss of banality, serving as cheap vehicles for second-rate actors or writers to hawk their wares or gush about their next mind-warping project. Only the Jeremy Paxman-type political interview seemed to me to carry any bite.

However, on a recent visit to New York I watched two of America's most successful talk shows several times: Tonight, with Jay Leno, and the Late with David Letterman programme. To say they plumbed the shallows or scraped the barrel of mediocrity would be to hean praise upon them.

Leno is the successor to Johnny Carson, who himself was no stranger to mindless patter. Previously a standup comedian, Leno has the rare ability

to say nothing of the smallest significance throughout. Commercial breaks punctuate the proceedings with machine-gun rapidity.

Letterman's forte is to joke incomprehensibly with the resident bandleader, a gnomish fellow with big headphones and a sad expression. My back-of-an-envelope calculations showed Letterman laughing at camera (10 per cent of the time), glancing knowingly at the bandleader (10 per cent), actresses flirting with him (10 per cent) and commercial breaks 60 per cent (or so it seemed). The audience, howling with hysterical laughter, scored 85 per cent.

I know it doesn't add up, but neither does the show. Quite a feat, though, to make Cilla Black and Des O'Connor seem positively forensic in compari-

Yours faithfully HARRY E. TURNER (Chief Executive, TSW Television, 1985-92), Four Acres, Lake Road, Deepcut, Surrey.

Habitat II conference

From Ms C. Gwendolyn Landolt

Sir. As a participant in the recent UN conference, Habi at II, in Istanbul, I would like to correct a misunderstanding apparent in your report of June 17, headed "Vaticun defeated on abortion rights".

It is true that intense controversy arose when Canada, the United State and the European Union introduced three elements into the Habitat document. These were references to reproductive health (interpreted by the UN as including abortion, contraception and sterilisation); a provision that parental rights be secondary to an adolescent's right to privacy and confidentiality; and a broad definition of family so as to include homosexual/lesbian relationships. Members of the G77 group (a coalition of the 131 developing nations) raised strong objections to these provisions.

reproductive health being deleted from the document, except for a token inclusion which was qualified by ironclad guarantees for national soverreligious and ethical values of the member states. Parental rights were reasserted and recognition given to the family as the basic unit of society. The real significance of this confer-

However, the agreement finally

reached resulted in all references to

ence is that the developing nations gave clear notice that they are unwilling to accept the imposition of western policies and values which, in their view, are yet another form of colonial-

Yours sincerely, C. GWENDOLYN LANDOLT (Chairperson), Caucus for Stable Communities, Box 8813 Station T, Ottawa, Ontario KIG 3J1.

Lords and Commons

From Mr Bob Dunn, MP for Dartford (Conservative)

Sir. I find it novel that the Labour Party seems to equate the democratisation of the House of Lords with the introduction of political appointees (to replace hereditary peers) who will owe their membership of the Upper House entirely to political patronage (report, June 18).

If the House of Lords is to be reformed in part, but only to the extent that membership results from political appointment, then why bother to change a very successful model?

If, however, the House of Lords is to be democratically based, then which House - Commons or Lords - is to be the superior one?

I remain, yours faithfully, BOB DUNN, House of Commons. June 18.

From Sir Kenneth Lewis

Sir, Sir Fitzroy Maclean (report and obituary, June 18) was one of many

Tennis targets? From Mr David G. Chinn Sir, I read with interest in your Wim-

bledon supplement today that the netcord judges have been replaced by electronic sensors. Apparently this is to save the judges from the danger of being struck by errant tennis balls. As play commenced, I was in-

trigued to note that the ball boys and girls are still crouching in the firing line at their accustomed positions by the net. Perhaps they are considered to be dispensable. Yours faithfully.

DAVID G. CHINN, 25 Lansdowne Road. Staines, Middlesex. June 24.

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war activity separate from and unrelated to politics.

MPs who entered the House of Com-

mons with a background of peace and

His contribution to the House was therefore a combination of independence of outlook with acceptance that in a tight situation party loyalty mattered.

The change that has taken place in recent years is simply that too many politicians are professionals. They have to achieve ministerial office because that is why they came into Parliament in the first place.

Those who select parliamentary candidates now should consider how best they can provide the House of Commons with MPs whose background, like that of Sir Fitzroy Maclean, is one of experience, maturity and achievement wider than a university campus or being an assistant re-

Yours faithfully. KENNETH LÉWIS (Conservative MP, 1959-87). Redlands, 1 Uppingham Road, Preston, Oakham, Rutland. June 19.

Pipes downed

From Mr George F. H. Cullen

Sir, Lord Menuhin (letter, June 21) referred to the great Highland bagpipe as a genuine musical instrument, ideally suited to playing in the wide open spaces of Hampstead Heath.

If only the powers-that-be in British music colleges and schools were of the same mind. My 19-year-old son, who has played the pipes since he was eight, and who is a member of a prizewinning pipe band and an excellent solo player, has found great difficulty in gaining admission to a music degree course where the bagpipes are acceptable as an instrument. Apparently the bagpines are too "ethnic" or esoteric to be regarded as a mainstream instrument.

Yours faithfully, G. F. H. CULLEN, 154 Fronks Road, Dovercourt, Harwich, Essex.

Police tactics in supermarket sting

From Mr C. D. H. Sharp

Sir. I have yet to see a clearer example of the long-discredited agent-provocateur method of detection than the one illustrated by your report, Sainsbury's store loses licence in under-age sting" (June 25), where the police chose it to pursue what is after all only a summary offence.

This kind of approach merely provokes the commission of a criminal offence where one might not have been committed and in fact comes perilously close, for example, to an undercover police officer inciting a known criminal to steal from a store and then arresting him for theft.

Such conduct does nothing to shore up public confidence in the police. Yours faithfully, C. D. H. SHARP (Principal),

Sharp Investigations, School Lane. Tetney, Grimsby, Lincolnshire.

From Mr Paul Freeman

Sir. The response by Sainsbury's to the loss of its licence to sell alcohol at its Monk's Cross store, in York, suggests to me there is no corporate responsibility. For a spokesman to complain about the methods used by the police, and even to consider an appeal, does the company no credit.

The public surely looks to companies such as Sainsbury's to make a moral contribution to the communities in which they make their profits and, in this case, to uphold the conditions accompanying an alcohol li-

If the holders of alcohol licences are unable or unwilling to uphold the conditions laid down then the police must carry out further operations of this

Yours faithfully, PAUL FREEMAN. 20 Heathwood Avenue, Barton-on-Sea, Hampshire.

Counting the years

From Sir David Hunt

Sir, In a scientifically well-argued article in your issue of June 24, "The dawn of a new age", Mr Norris McWhirter discusses the place at which the very first sunrise of the third millennium can be seen. He gives no thought to the date of the event but merely assumes that it will be on January I, AD 2000, which is in fact the first day of the last year of the second miller nium, the last New Year's Day of the twentieth century.

I do not make these corrections out of pedantry. In these matters etymology and mathematics count for nothing; usage is supreme, and the whole world has firmly decided that the word millennium should denote a period of 999 years. I concur; I should only like to ask a question: suppose a writer desired to refer to a period of precisely a thousand years, what should he call it, now that the old name is unavailable?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant. DAVID HUNT, Old Place, Lindfield, Sussex. June 25.

Solstice gathering

From Mr Tom Claridge

Sir. Had the gathering at Stonehenge for yesterday's summer solstice (report, June 22) been a Christian festival. would there have been a four-mile exclusion zone, and 100 police in attendance?

Yours, T. A. CLARIDGE, 53a Granada Road, Southsea, Hampshire. June 22.

Postal strike

From Mr Hugh Newcomb Sir, Whilst there is correspondence on

the subject of the postal strike (letters. June 25). I think it opportune for you to print details of an advertisement in a book I have at hand about Cranbrook at the turn of the century.

"Letters posted by 8.55am delivered in London by 2.30pm the same day posted by 12pm delivered by 6.30pm the same day". All, I suppose, for Id.

Yours faithfully, HUGH NEWCOMB, Mount Ephraim Farm, Cranbrook, Kent. June 25.

Read all about it

From Brigadier A. P. N. Currie

Sir. Stepping out on Saturday morning to buy my copy of The Times, I noticed that our prize hosta had been removed overnight. Returning some ten minutes later with the paper, I was brought up sharply by the heading "How to foil the plant thieves".

Would you please let me know what you will be featuring next Saturday, so that I can take appropriate precau-

A. P. N. CURRIE, Ministry of Defence, DPS(A). Room 6/65, Metropole Building, Northumberland Avenue, WC2.

Yours faithfully,

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COURT CIRCULAR

London, from New York, United

June 26: The Princess Royal, Patron,

June 20: The Princess Royal, Patron, Townswomen's Guilds, this morning attended the National Council Meet-ing at Cardiff International Arena, Bute Terrace, Cardiff, and was re-

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the new wing of Her Majesty's Prison and Remand Centre.

Lord O'Neill).

His Royal Highness, Vice President of the National Trust, saw conservation work in progress and visited the Giant's Causeway.

The Prince of Wales later visited a

hill farm in the Antrim Glen and met

hill farm in the Amrilin Gert and min members of the local community. His Royal Highness this afternoon visited County Londonderry and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lleutenant (Colonel Sir Michael

HMY Britannia.

YORK HOUSE

hall, London SWI.

Today's birthdays

Mr Michael Alison, MP, 70; the Right Rev Leonard Ashton, 81; Mrs 82; the Very Rev A.C. Warren,

KENSINGTON PALACE

June 26: The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited BJS Company Ltd (Electroplaters and Silversmiths) at

(Electroplaters and Silversmiths) at 65 Bideford Avenue, Perivale, Greenford, Middlesex. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron,

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, the Royal Surgical Ald Society, this evening presented the Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Architecture and Design of Buildings for Elderly People with Demenia, at Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London ECI.

His Royal Highness, President, the Football Association, this evening attended the EURO 96 semi-final

match, England versus Germany, a

Wembley Stadium, Wembley.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this

Mr William Wilson, Chief Con-stable, Central Scotland, 53; Mr

Hugh Wood, composer, 64: Mr Terence Wynn, MEP, 50.

Leonard Cheshire

At the Annual General Meeting of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation. held in London on June 26, the

appointment of Baroness Ryder of Warsaw, CMG, OBE, as the Foundation's first President was announced, Lady Ryder, founder

of the Sue Ryder Foundation, is the

widow of the late Group Captain Leonard Cheshire, VC, OM, DSO,

Foundation

Knox Road, Cardiff.

CLARENCE HOUSE

States of America.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE June 26: His Excellency Sir Satcam Boolell was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Let of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Commission as High Commissioner for the Republic of Mauritius in London. Lady Boolell was also received by

Her Majesty.

Mr Anthony Figgis (Assistant Under-Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) was present.

The Queen received the Bishop of Chalmarand the Dish Pagestral John Chelmsford (the Right Reverend John Perry) who did homage upon his

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President of the Council) dministered the Oath.
The Right Reverend John Waine (Clerk of the Closet) was in Her Majesty held a Council at 12.30

p.m.
There were present: the Rt Hon
Antony Newton MP (Lord President),
the Lord Strathelyde (Captain of the
Gentlemen-ar-Arms), the Rt Hon
Gillian Shephard MP (Secretary of
State for Education and Employment) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas
Larel MP (Attorney Captare)

ment) and the Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Lyeli MP (Antorney General).

The Lord Mackay of Ardbrecknish. Sir Henry Brooke, Mr David Curry MP, Mr Donald Dewar MP, Mr Donald Dixon MP and Sir Igor Judge were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Ma Nicol Micholia was in attention

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in atten-dance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Chancellor, this morning conferred Honorary Degrees at the Honorary Degree Congregation. University of Cambridge.
His Royal Highness this afternoon

His Royal Highness this atternoon visited the City Technology College. Cooks Lane. Kingshurst. Birnslingham, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Midlands (Mr Robert Taylor).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron. Outward Bound Trust, this evening attended a Gala Dinner and Ball at the Majoransile Museum. Covenity

Motorcycle Museum, Coventry d, Solihuli, West Midlands. By Command of The Queen, Vice by Command of the Queen, Vice Admiral Sir James Weatherail (Mar-shal of the Diplomatic Corps) called upon His Excellency Mr Tom Vraalsen at 10 Palace Green, London Vraalsen at 10 Palsee Green, London
WR, this morning in order to bid
farewell to His Excellency upon
relinquishing his appointment as
Ambassador from the Kingdom of

Norway to the Court of St James's. Norway to the Court of St James's.

The Queen was represented by Mr
Patrick Holmes Sellors (Surgeon
Oculist to The Queen) at the Service
of Thanksgiving for the Life of Sir
Stephen Miller (formerty Surgeon
Oculist to The Queen) which was held
in All Souls Church, Langham Place,
London WI, this afternoon.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael

ter was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey.
The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Colonel Sir Simon Bland. June 26: The Prince Edward today

Beth Chatto, horticulturist, 73; the

Marquess of Cholmondeley, 36; Mr David Clelland, MP, 53; Mr

Alan Coren, writer and broad-

caster, 58; Miss Brenda Cowderoy.

former general secretary. Girls

Friendly Society, 71; Mr R.I.L. Guthrie, former Chief Charity Commissioner, 59; Vice-Admiral

Sir Roy Halliday, 73; Mr Rupert

Hambro, chairman, J.O. Hambro

& Co. 53: Lord Hope of Craighead.

58: Mr Bruce Johnston, singer, 52: Mr Robert King, conductor of baroque music, 36; Mr Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, 56;

Mr Bruce McGowan, former

Headmaster. Haberdashers'

Aske's School. 72: Mr Duncan Robinson, director. Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge, 53; ProfesToday's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the World Wide Fund for Nature - WWF International, will give a reception at Buckingham Palace at 6.00; and will give a dinner at St James's Palace at 8.00. The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the National Aids Trust, will visit Mortimer Market Centre, Mortimer Market, WCl. at 11.00; will open the Chorleywood Building at the Campden and Chorleywood Food Research Association, Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire, at 3.20; and, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend ceived by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieunenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards a regatta at the club at 5.35.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the refurbished factory of Walkers Snack Foods, Newark Road, Lincoin, at 11.30; will open the new sports hall at Alford John Spendluffe School, Hanby Lane, at 2.15; and will open the new Louth Police Station, Eastfield Road, CLARENCE HOUSE
June 26: Queen Elizabeth The Queen
Mother, Patron, Dover College, this
morning received the Headmaster
(Mr Martin Wright) and the Heads of
School to mark the 125th Anniversary
of the Colleges Louth, at 3.20.

The Duke of Kent, as President of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, will attend the Wimbledon championships at ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 26: The Prince of Wales this
morning visited Antrim and was
received by Her Majesty's LordLieutemant of County Antrim the 12.50.

Luncheons

Carlton Club
The Hon William Waldegrave, MP. The Hon William Waldegrave, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Political Committee of the Carlton Club held yesterday at the club. Sir Brian Goswell, chairman of the political committee, presided. Mr Giles Chichester, MEP, also spoke.

Mid Atlantic Club
Mr Peter Mandelson, MP, was the
guest of honour and speaker at a
function of the Mid Atlantic Club
statements at Dartmouth House. McCorkell).

The Prince of Wales visited the Recreation and Fishing Centre established by the local community at Port Neal Lodge, Kilrea, and afterwards opened an entrance to Limavady High School. held yesterday at Dartmouth House, Mr Alan Lee Williams was in the opened an entrance in Linuxway
High School.
His Royal Highness. Colonel-inChief, The Royal Regiment of Wales.
Inter visited the 1st Battalion at
Ballykelly.
The Prince of Wales this evening
gave a Reception and a Dinner in
Lany Retinancia.

City Liaison Group
Lord Weatherill was the guest of
honour at a luncheon of the City
Liaison Group held yesterday at the
Travellers Club. Mr Francis Sitwell

Dinners

Merseyside Lieutenancy
To mark the 70th Birthday of The
Queen the Lord-Lieutenant of
Merseyside, Mr Alan W. Waterworth and the Deputy Lleuten-ants held a dinner last night at Liverpool Town Hall.

Woolmen's Company Mr Michael D. Abrahams, Master of Mr Michael D. Abrahams, which we woolmen's Company, presided at the annual ladles' dinner held last night at Merchant Taylors' Hall. Sir Christopher Bland, Chalman of the Board of Governors of the BBC, and Sir William Goring were the speak-

YORK HOUSE June 26: The Duke of Kent, President, may attended the reopening ceremony of the Royal United Services Institute for Defence Studies, White-hall before Studies, ers.

During the evening the Master presented the company's medal and prize in the City and Guilds of London Institute Sheep Production Phase II examinations to Mrs Averil Phase II ecominations to Mrs Averil Ineson. Among others present were. The Chairman of the British Apparel Export Award Penel, the Director Central of the British Apparel and Textile Confederation, the Masters of the Scriveners. Horners, Pattenmakers, Pattenmakers, Pettmakers, and Engineers Companies and the Master of the Incorporation of Westers Fallers and Shearmen of Exerct and their incless. ine Duchess of Nent, Parron, into afternoon airended the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund Annual General Meeting, the Barbican Centre, Bar-blean Road, York, North Yorkshire.

Poundation for Science and Technology and Technology Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Sir Robert May. Professor G.K. Radda and Mr. John Parry were the speakers.

Service dinner

Mountain Artillery General Sir John Learmont was the principal guest and speaker at the annual dinner of the Mountain Artillery Dinner Club held last night at the Army and Navy Club. Major General D.B. Egerton presided.

Lecture

Institute of Mathematics
Professor D.G. Crighton, FRS, President of the Institute of Mathematics and its applications, delivered the presidential address yesterday at the Royal Society of Arts, London WCZ.



Musselburgh, Scotland, who received her degree at Durham University yesterday. From the walls of Durham Castle a portrait of her great-great great grandfather, Canon Henry Jenkyns, a professor at the university in the 19th century, watched her receive her degree from the chancellor, Sir Peter Ustinov

Memorial service

Sir Stephen Miller The Queen was represented by Mr Patrick Holmes Sellors, Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Stephen Miller, former Surgeon-Oculist to The Queen, held yesterday at the Church of All Souls. Langham Place Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Mrs Michael Harvey and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

The Rev Richard Bewes and the Rev John Robson (Chaplain to the Royal Victoria Order and the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy) officiated. Mr Ewan Miller and Mr Richard Miller, QC, sons, read the lessons. Mr Michael Miller, son, read from the works of William Shakespeare and Mr Michael Sanders pald tribute, The King and Queen of Jordan were represented by the Ambassador of Jordan. Among those present

were:
Lady Miller (widow), Mrs Ewan
Miller and Mrs Michael Miller
(daughters-in-law), Michael,
David and Natalie Miller (grandchildren), Mr and Mrs lan Miller
(brother and sister-in-law), Mr
Richard Miller,
Penelope Marchioness of Zetland, the Earl and Countess of
Cathcart, Lord Vestey (Lord Prior

Richard Miller.
Penelope Marchioness of Zelland, the Earl and Countess of Cathcart, Lord Vestey (Lord Prior of the Order of St John) with Professor Anthony Meliors (chancellor) and Mrs Melions. Str Colin Imray iscretary general) and Lady Imray, Mr Edwin Canavan (also representing the hospitalier and the almoner) Mr and Mrs Donald McDougall (Wales). Miss Shella Puckle (Fellowship of St John), Mr David Fenton (Historical Society of St John) with many members of the Ordert. Lord Swansee. Lord and Lady Westbury, Lady Moyra Browne, Lady Elizabeth Godsal, the Hon Mrs Julian Berry, Lady Kennard, Dame Audrey Emerton, Sir Robert Balchin, Sir Andrew Hugh Smith.
Mrs P Holmes Sellors, Mrs Peter Barrow, Mr Charles Barrow, Dr Patrick Trevor-Roper, Canon John Andrew, Mr and Mrs John Winstanley, Mr David Turner, Mr

Society of Aponessi so the Control of Aponessi soliday (Senior Golfers' Society and Guide Dogs for the Blind Association). Mr Alian Hughes The Iris Fund. Ms Kaihleen Duncan (TSB Foundation for England and Wales). Lieutenant-Commander James Maciaren Anderson (Royal Scottish Corporation). Mr A Grahame B Young (Caledonian Club) and many other friends and former colleagues.

Requiem Mass

Mr Peter Gleaville Father Philip Caraman, SJ, was the celebrant and delivered the eulogy at a requiem Mass for Mr Peter Gienville, stage and screen director and actor, held yesterday

and Mrs Keith Batten, Professor A
L Crombie, Major-General and
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Martin, Mr Peter Wright, Mr
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Mrs Stephen Gold, Mr Don
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Eart, Mr Dennis Keirle.
Professor Andrew Elkington
(Roval College of Ophthalmologists), Professor B Jay (Masser,
Society of Apothecaries of London)
and Mrs John Hall Association),

small cultivars, such as the new 'Just So', whose gold leaves have a green edge. The curious and rare succulent plants from South Africa and Madagascar, staged by Toobees Exotics of Woking. Surrey, well deserve the gold medal as they are difficult to grow. The collection includes many Caudiciforn plants. with grossly swollen stems.

Summer flowering herbaceous and cottage flowering plants abound. Hardy's Cottage Garden Plants, of Whitchurch, Hampshire, have included the new Oenothera Speciosa 'Siskiyou' with miriad small light pink flowers. The Delphinium Society

and the British National Car nation Society Competitions are being held with this event. The show, at the RHS Garden, Wisley, Surrey, is open today from 10am to 5pm.

South Hampstead **High School**

All old girls are invited to celebrate the 120th birthday of South Hampthe 20th birthoay of South Finances stead, at a tea party on Wednes-day, July 3, 1996, at 4pm, at the school, 3 Maresfield Gardens, NW3, Please ring the school on

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.R.A. Aisher and Miss J.M.F. Burlton The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs R.B. Aisher, of Penshurst, Kent. and Julia May, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.M.M.F. Burlton, of Byford, Herefordshire.

The sweet

smell of

summer

By Alan Toogood,

HORTICULTURAL

CORRESPONDENT

HEAVY scents of sweet peas.

carnations, roses and other

summer flowers fill the air at

the Royal Horticultural Soci-

The central attraction of the

show, which opened yester-

day, is the National Sweet Pea

Society's Competition. The

late season has given sweet

pea growers a challenge and

there was hot competition for

the major trophy, the Daily

Mail Challenge Cup for 12

vases. It has been won by Ron

Condery, of Guildford,

Surrey, whose exhibit was

also judged best in show.

David Manston of Fording-

bridge, Hampshire, has won

the Clay Cup for the best vase

in the show with the cultivar

Ethel Grace', which has also

been judged best vase of

lavender coloured sweet peas.

The RHS has awarded sev-

en gold medals to floral exhibi-

tors. Steven Bailey, of Sway,

Hampshire, won his for a

scooped gold for sweet peas.

Allwood Brothers, of Has-

socks, West Sussex, have won

gold medal for one of their

The African Violet Centre, of

Terrington St Clement, Nor-

folk, won their gold medal

with Saintpaulias, including the new pale yellow miniature

A display of alpines and woodland plants secured a gold medal for Edrom Nurser-ies, of Coldingham Borders,

who have included some har-

dy orchids such as the rich

purple Dactylorrhiza Elata

and D. 'Eskimo Nell' with

The gold medal display of

hostas from Goldbrook

Plants, of Hoxne, Suffolk,

includes a good selection of

cultivar 'Chantaspring.'

white flowers.

finest displays of carnations.

ety's Wisley Flower Show.

Mr M. Draper and Miss A. Thomas The engagement is announced between Martyn, son of Mr and Mrs John Draper, of Loughton, and Amanda, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Thomas, of Billericay. Mr A.J. Houghton

and Miss C. Porro The engagement is announced between Alasdair, eldest son of the late John Houghton and of Mrs John Houghton, of Guildford, and Catherine, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Giorgio Porro, of Florence, Italy.

Mr F.I.L. Orr-Ewing and Miss A.L. Kopsch The engagement is announced between Francis, son of the Hon Colin Orr-Ewing, of Shalbourne, Wiltshire, and Mrs Dee Orr-Ewing of London SW3, and Amy, daughter of Dr and Mrs Hartmut Kopsch. of Dover, Kent. Mr D.E. Poole and Miss R. Matassini

The engagement is announced between Duncan, son of Mr and Mrs Edward Poole of Grange over-Sands, Cumbria, and Raffaella, daughter of Mr and Mrs Augustino Matassini, of Montebrightly coloured display of carnations, pinks and alstropulciano, Tuscany, Italy. emerias, and Diana Sewell, of Over, Cambridgeshire, Mr A.C. Scott

and Miss S.J. Stewart The engagement is announced between Anthony Craufurd, only son of the late Mr James Scott and of Mrs Peter Dimmock, of Windlesham Park, Windlesham, Surrey, and Sara Jane, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs Robert Stewart, of Arndean, Dollar, Scotland.

Senor R. Bagen Escudero and Miss C.J. D'Abreu The engagement is announced between Ricardo, son of Senor Clemente and Senora Maria Dolores Bagen Escudero, of Barcelona, and Catherine, daughter of Mr Anthony D'Abreu, of London, and Mrs James Waugh, of Somerset, and granddaughter of Mrs M.A. D'Abreu, of 36 Cumberland

Terrace, Regents Park, NWI. Mr C.J.B. Simeon and Miss S.C. Youngman The engagement is announced, between Charles, only son of Mr. J.P.B. Simeon. OBE, and Mrs. Simeon, of Harwich, Essex, and Sarah, younger danghter of Mr and Mrs D.K. Youngman, of

Chipstead, Surrey. Mr R.W.F. Thurstan, RM. and Miss A.S. Keating

The engagement is announced. Lieutenant Richard between Thurstan, Royal Marines, elder. son of Mr and Mrs G.E.F. Thurstan, of Pentewan, Cornwall, and Alison, daughter of the late. Mr M.F. Keating and of Mrs A.J. McDonough, of Cleveland,

Marriage

Mr D. Forbes Watt and Miss H.M.O. Hutchison The marriage took place on Sat-urday, June 1, at St Cohumba's Church of Scotland, London, of Mr. David Forbes Watt, of Trastevere, Rome, to Miss Helen Hutchison," of Knightsbridge, London. The Rev Sandy Cairns officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her cousin. Mr Roderick, Hutchison, was amended by Georgina Harker, Celia Pelly and Douglas Marshall. Mr Thomas Milnes Gaskell was best man. A reception was held at the Berkeley and the honeymoon was spent in Skopelos, Greece.

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LOCAL COLONEL: J B Dutton -

Cdre 29,10.96.

Forces appointments Northwood in rank of Citre

Royal Navy and Royal Marines COMMANDER: M B Alabaster -MOD London 23.8.96; S J Dyer -Staff of FOST Devonport 6.9.96; A D Fisher - Portsmouth 6.12.96; R W Fraser - MOD London 11.6.96; G Praser - MOD London 11.0.90; G Marshall - Stuff of 2SL/CNH 18.6.90; M St C Armitage -Bracknell 15.11.90; R R Best -Ocean 22.10.96; D J Bittles - Nelson 15.11.90; J S C Dodd - Bath 1.10.96; J P H Fulford - Vengeance (Port) 8.10.96; T J Guy - MOD London 2.8.96; P R A Jagger - MOD Bath 12.7.96; H J Ledingham - JHQ Salisbury 24.6.96; C J Longbotom - Bristol 18.96; I S MacFarlane Clyde 17.6.96; A M Picton - Sultan 18.10.96: J C Scoles - Drysd 22.11.96: D M Swain - JMOTS Northwood 22.7.96: N J Ward -PJHQ Northwood 30.8.96; C D Waters - Abbey Wood 20,8.96.

CHAPLAIN: G S Petzer Devenport 5.6.96. LOCAL LIEUTENANT COLO-NEL: T A Philpott - HQRM

Royal Air Force WING COMMANDER: S E

Wood - HQPTC 20.5.96; S R Sims -MOD AFD/IFS 20.5.96. Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: N S R Kilgour - PJHQ

40 CDO RM as CO 15,10,96. COMMANDER: G K Clarke exchange Australia 28.11:96; D A Humphrey - MOD London 4.10.96; K W L Keble - Staff of 2SL/CNH 5.11.96; H J Ledingham MOD London 10.1.97; A M Massey - Campbeltown in Cmd
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Bath 9.8.96; R J Sneel - Sultan
22.II.96; M W Stenning - JSSU
Oakley 20.8.96; N L Williams ganas san in e Sultan 1.10.96.

SURGEON COMMANDER: M M Scott - RH Haslar - 2.7.96.

MAJOR-GENERAL Brigadier J P Kiszely MC to be GOC I(UK) Armd Div in the rank of Major-General, 3.6.96. COLONEL: TJ Minter to SHAPE,

3.9.96. Royal Air Force

WING COMMANDER: S E WING CUMMANDER S. E. Wood - HOPTC 20.5.96; A M. Gordon - SHAPE 3.6.96; M G. Vearncombe - HQ 38 Gp 3.6.96; A H. Steele - HQ AFNORTH-WEST. 3.6.96.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Stewart Parnell, leader for Irish home rule, Avondale, Co Wicklow, 1846; Helen Keller, blind and deaf scholar and educator, Tuscumbia, Alabama, 1850; Sir John Monash, general and engineer, Melbourne, 1865.

DEATHS: Giorgio Vasari, artist and writer, Florence, 1574; Nicho-las Tindal, historian, London, 1774; James Smithson, scientist, Genoa, 1829: John Murray, publisher,

1843; Joseph Smith, founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormons), murdered, Carthage, Illinois, 1844; Malcolm Lowry, writer, Ripe, Sussex, 1957. A mutiny erupted onboard the Russian battleship Potemkin in the Black Sea when sailors were shot for complaining about bad food, 1905.

The first nuclear power station opened in Obninsk, 55 miles from Moscow, 1954.

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Oive me insight, give me knowledge, for I put my trust MARRIAGES in your commandment Psalm 119 : 66 (REB)

BIRTHS
BISHOP - To Sara and Robert, a daughter, Lucy
Ruth Macnair, on 18th June in Oslo. A sister for Sally. BRYAM - On June 24th at The
portraind Hospital, to Susan (née Carter) and Robert, second beautiful son, William

Priday June 14

ELTON - On June 22nd, t Sarah and Graham, besutiful daughter, Elizabet Kate, a sister for Harriet. EVANS - On 20th June 1996, to Sarsh (née Denham) and Mark. a son. George Alexander Denham.

Alexander Denham.

FREMANTLE - On June 25th at Queen Mary's Hospital.

Rochampton: to Sara (née Chuingworth) and Edward.

20EK.HAN - On June 21st at The Portland Hospital. to Kim (née Dunn) and Christopher, a daughter, Lily Victoria. a sister for Michaed.

HEARING - On June 26th at St George's Hospital, to Serma (née Garfit) and Rogar, a daughter Alice.

HUISON - On June 24th, to Sarah (née Ehrier) and Guy.

a son. Havelock Henry Eliot.

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24th. to Francesca (nee
Darvell) and Martin, a
daughter, truogen Charlotte.

denginier, imagen Charlotte.

LAMB - On 4th June 1996, to
Peter and Angela (née
Beckett). a beautiful
daughter. Elizabeth Rose,
sister for Matthew and Phoebe.
MONTAGUE-JOHNSTONEOn 25th May, to Kate (nee Curtis) and Torquil. I daughter. First Commune. star for Joh and Alice.

estor for Joth and Alice.

OLSZOWENG - On 24th June
1996, to Allic (née Mulificent)
and Mark. a son. Harvey
Alexander Tadéusz. a
brother for Ella.

POLITO - On June 20th at
The Portland Hospital. to
Helen (née Cornack) and
Signon. a son. Edward
Alexander John. Alexander John.
RAMEN - On May 21st in
Vienne, to Gavin and
Alexandra, a daughter.
Xenia Sophia.
STUDHOLME - June 22nd, to
James and Char. a boy.

DEATHS ARMITAGE - On June 23rd 1996 suddenly at home Geoffrey Thomas Alexander CBE, Major General Royal Geoffrey Thomas Alexander
CBE. Major General Royal
Dragoons. Much loved
husband of Monics. father of
Alec and GBI, grandfather
and great-grandfather.
Private cremation and
Service of Thanksgiving at
Tincieton Church.
Dorchester. at 11.30 am on
Tuesday 2nd July. No
Inovers please, donations if
desired to Joseph Weld
Hospice. c/o Grassby.
Dorchester.

Dorchester. EATEMAN - Kes #0 24th June aged 72 years, beloved husband of Bobby. treasured father of Denise and Rosemany. father in-law and Rosemery, father-in-law of Phil and David and a very and devote dear and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at Chanterlands at Chanterlands Grematorium, Hull. on Friday 28th June at 1.30 pm. No flowers please but donations for the British Heart Foundation (Bevatley) c/o Frank Stephenson & Son. Minster Moorgate.

Beverley - Michael on June 22nd following an accident, much loved husband of Judy and father of Susan. Elizabeth. George and Joanna. Funeral Service at St James Church, Tunbridge Wells on Wednesday 3rd Wells, on Wednesday Srd
July at 12 noon. Family
flowers only please.
Donations if desired to T.W.
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Campaign c/o K. Praft, 48
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DEATHS

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GORDOR - Helen on 17th
June 1996 in St Wanrid's
Hospice, Chichester, Beloved
Mother and Granny. Private
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the late Tom Greenwood and
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HAMBURY - Paul on June 28th peacefully in France after a short times. Beloved brother of Toddy. Private

HARDINGHAM - On 25th June 1996 peacehsly in St. Nicholas Hospice, Bury St. Edmunds, Trevlyn John O.B.E. sped 86 years, Privata funeral service at Bury St. Edmunds followed by a Memorial Service at Braditeld St. Clare Parish Church 2.30 pm. Denations for St. Nicholas Haspice may be sent c/o F. Cauthrium and Son. 25 Mundow Street. Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk. HARRIS - On Tuesday 26th

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HARRIS - On Tuesday 28th June 1996 at home, James Ocie Herris in his 96th year. Dearly loved husband of Melloney and the late Gladys, devoted father of Simon and Sally and a loved and loving grandfather and greet-grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mark's Church. Araufield on Wednesday 3rd July at 2 pm followed by private interment at Easton. Winchester. No flowers please but donations if desired to St Mark's Church Fabric Fund may be sant to A.H. Cheater Funeral Drectors, Romesy, Hants.

NORRIS - David, born Directors, Romsey, Hants, MoRRIS - David, born Murrec, India, 26th August 1928, late of Boursemouth, died Montpelier, Franca, 18th June 1996, Much loved and much missed.

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PETERS - John Herbert died aged 71 peacetuity at home on 24th June. Private cremation. No flowers please but if desired donations to Cincer Research Fund c/o Greens Funeral Directors. Timberlog Lane. Rasildon. Essett. ESPEZ.

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loved mother of Eigine Drake and Souan Thakcher, mother-briev of Bill and Charles, dear granny to her six grandchildren and great-granny to ten. Funeral Service to be held at St Andrews' Church Monthers Service to be need at St.
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Wyld on Tuesday 2nd July
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RASCH - On 24th June. RAECH - On 24th June. suddenly but peacefully. aged 77 Sir Richard Guy Carpe. Much loved by Floma. Stroom. Letta. Roste. Caroline and all his family. Family funeral. no flowars. Thanksgiving service to be announced later.

REDHEAD - On 23rd June 1996 peacefully at home after a long timess bravely borne. Delia. of Seaton. formerly of Guildford. Beloved wife of Kenneth. Cremation has already to

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DEATHS SAMUEL - On June 25th soddenly Noelle Eleanor. dearly loved daugher of the late Percy and Eleanor Caroline Samuel, loving sister of June and Margot.

sister of Jime and Margol.
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and David, father-in-law (Mary and grapdfather (Charlotte, Emma an Philippa, Private Cremation WILLIAMS - On May 27th in Penzence, Bernird Godfrey (Bernie) F.R.C.O. aged 64 wher a distressing illness.

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REDING - Stephen John of Solikull, West Midlands. As a result of an accident on June 22nd, 1996. Aged 50 years. Precious husband of Pat. practous father of Liz and Tom. Funeral Service at St Alphaye Church, Solikull on Monday. July 1st, at 12.18pm, followed by privale committal ceremony.

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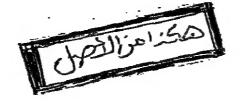
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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR WILLIAM WALSH

William Walsh, Professor of Commonwealth Literature. Leeds University, 1972-84, died on June 23 aged 80. He was born on February 23, 1916.

A SCHOLAR of integrity and firmness of mind. William Walsh had read English at Downing College, Cambridge, under F. R. Leavis. But though always holding his mentor in great esteem he was able in his own criticism to embody the Master's intellectual rigour without falling prey to his sometimes strident fanaticism.

A follower of Leavis, he yet never hecame the stereotypical "Leavisite" one of that intolerant army of academic thought police who made life so trying (and confusing) for undergraduates in English departments in Britain and the Commonwealth for a number of years after Leavis himself had been eased out of Downing in the early 1960s. Thus, on lecture tours abroad, Walsh was always able to be an effective ambassador for the Leavis critical method, without spoiling his assertions with the famous Leavis dogmatism. As a lecturer he was fluent, witty and ironical and, above all, persuasive to a high degree, Walsh drew his strength from the

fact that, unlike Leavis, he was a man of catholic interests and varied abilities. His critical sympathies were broader and more generous, as is evident from the remarkable range of writers he wrote upon - from Coleridge through R. K. Narayan to Pat-

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He had been responsible for the good early criticism of Commonwealth literature, and was appointed Britain's first Professor of Commonwealth Literature in 1972. He came to this after a spell in the chair of Education at Leeds, held from the young age of 41, and he was also one of the founding directors of Yorkshire TV.

William Walsh graduated from Downing in 1943. Later, acknowledging Leavis's decisive influence on his development, he was to write the first full-scale biography. F. R. Leavis (1980), of his tutor (and later, friend). It was a sympathetic but balanced study, generously ascribing Leavis's later catankerousness to frustrated

Like many of Leavis's pupils, Walsh turned schoolmaster after graduating. and was senior English master at period in the Department of Education

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Raynes Park County Grammar School from 1945 to 1951, while completing a part-time MA in education at London University. He then took up a lectureship in education at the University College of North Staffordshire (later Keele University) where he spent two years from 1951 to 1953, before going to Edinburgh, also as a lecturer in education.

In 1957 he was appointed to the chair and permanent headship in the Department of Education at Leeds, which he was to hold until 1972. This was an important tenure. He did much to strengthen the department's academic standing, and facilitated its swift expansion to meet the rapidly growing demand for teachers of that period.

Walsh published vigorously during his time at Leeds. His first book, Use of Imagination (1959), was followed by A Human Idiom (1965) which dealt, in the Leavis tradition, with literature and its place in an educated society. But his central interest during his

offered £25,000, and the mat-

ter has been disputed ever

since. Lord Rotherwick was to

die with it still unresolved. But

he had already earned a reputation as a shrewd and

perceptive investor and man-

Robin Cayzer on the Lanfines

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Cayzers (originally from Normandy) had moved north

from Cornwall before Robin's

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He had been born (Herbert)

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was Coleridge. His Coleridge: The Work and the Relevance, published in 1967, dealt persuasively with his prose including letters and notebooks - as well as his poetry, to create a study which enabled the reader to feel its subject as a living being.
In his fifties Walsh turned to the

emergent study of Commonwealth literature, and his first book in the field, A Manifold Voice, appeared in 1970. A series of critical essays on writers from India, Africa, the West Indies, Australia, New Zealand and Canada, it was greeted by one reviewer with what must be the exceedingly rare accolade: "...one rarely nowadays encounters a critic who writes well enough himself to make one accept his right to criticise". In 1970, too, Walsh was appointed Australian Commonwealth Visiting Fellow. He already had strong links with Canada.

His appointment to the newly created chair in Commonwealth Literature in the School of English in 1972 was an imaginative one on the university's

part. But the school gained a first-rate administrator, who was head of de partment for six years during a period of financial stringency, and a scholar who was advancing the cause of this new subject by a series of books as well as visits to Commonwealth countries.

Among these were his R. K. Narayan (1972) for the British Council's Writers and their Work series; V. S. Naipaul (1972); Commonwealth Literature (1973); Patrick White: Voss (1973) and his fiction at large, Patrick White's Fiction (1977). He also published the first study of his long-standing friend, D. J. Enright (1974) and a book on Keats (1981). He then published a major study R. K. Narayan: a Critical Appreciation (1982). In these years he was also an active reviewer in a wide range of periodicals. In retirement he wrote Indian Literature in English (1990), a book which is regularly cited in bibliographies and student reading

He served Leeds University long and diligently. From the time of his arrival in 1957 he was an almost permanent member of the Senate, serving at some point on every major committee and many others besides (at one time the administration reckoned that he was on thirty). On the death while in office, of the Vice-Chancellor, Lord Boyle, he was, though on the point of retirement, called back as acting vice-chancellor for two years, 1981-83.

He could hardly have taken the post at a more critical moment. It was the time of radical changes of thinking, at national level, about the funding and the purposes of universities. Along with other, similar institutions, Leeds had not perhaps realised at that moment just how far-reaching the changes were, or how severe was the consequent reduction in funding. Walsh was able to maintain morale, to keep the university solvent, and to hand over to his successor a tight ship with a healthy, if smaller, complement.

When later he received a richly deserved honorary degree, his present er likened him to Cincinnatus. "Called from the plough to deliver his country from danger, he then laid down his office and returned to the plough." It was a fitting tribute to one who, beneath all his flamboyance, was at heart a modest man.

He is survived by his wife May, and a son and a daughter.

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VERONICA GUERIN

Veronica Guerin, ournalist, was killed in Dublin yesterday aged 33. She was born in 1963,

UNCOMPROMISING in her determination to uncover the truth, Veronica Guerin was an award winning Irish journalist who put a sharply honed investigative mind to work to expose some of the most nefarious criminal networks in Dublin. Writing weekly in the Sunday Independent, she portrayed the capital's underworld, describing its denizens through the use of nicknames - the Monk, the Walrus or the Penguin, for example - to evade libel laws. Chiefly she traced the sordid circles of drug dealing rings, although sometimes her investigations took her into territories overshadowed by the IRA's terror-

Guerin knew the details of many who felt severely compromised by her knowledge she was a victim of a number of threatening attacks. Two vears ago bullets shattened the windows of her cottage at Cloughran. Only a few months later she was wounded in the leg by a lone gunman to whom she had unwittingly opened her door. Another time she was viciously attacked after directly confronting a gangland leader with a barrage of hard hitting questions.

down as her car drew up at traffic lights. Veronica Guerin had not always inhabited the danger-

er. She trained first as an accountant, but her strongest interests seemed to lie in the political realm. She was an ardent member of Fianna Fail in the early 1980s and when Charles Haughey was leader of the Opposition she worked

as a researcher at the New

She set up her own public relations firm before moving into journalism and taking a Yesterday she was gunned iob first with The Sunday Business Post and then the Sunday Tribune. Her first scoop came with this second paper when she uncovered the whereabouts of Bishop ous world of the crime report-

Ireland forum.

Eamonn Casey in Ecuador. which eventually lead to the

securing of an interview. She joined the Sunday Independent as a crime specialist but was seldom to be found in the newsroom. She preferred to work alone and developed a good relationship with the police. Last year she was awarded the International Press Freedom Award.

Outside her work she was a keen sportswoman and a former Irish international in football and basketball.

She is survived by her husband Graham, and by



Norma Teagarden, jazz planist, died in San Francisco on June 5 aged 85. She was born in Vernon, Texas, on April 29, 1911.

NORMA TEAGARDEN was the last survivor of one of the most musical families in jazz history. Her brothers Jack, Charlie and Cubby were all musicians, and her mother. Helen, was a ragtime pianist and teacher. Owing to Jack's fame as the most original of early white jazz trombonists, and his work with such luminaries as Louis Armstrong. Paul Whiteman and Bix Beiderbecke, Norma's career has been overlooked by many jazz historians and critics, not least because most of her best playing on record was as a nber of her brother's hand.

Yet she revealed herself as a magnificent swinging jazz pianist on her West Coast residencies in the 1970s and 1980s and on her 1986 British tour. She was capable of everything from rousing boogie-woogie to the gentle ragtime taught to her as a child by her mother. A recording of her version of Little Rock Getaway, with Jack Teagarden's Orchestra from March 1945 shows she had all the strength needed to hold her own in a

Norma Louise Teagarden was born in the region called the Texas panhandle. Her father died while she was still a child, and eventually she moved with her mother to Oklahoma City. This was one of the areas where the socalled "territory bands" worked, touring the South and West and bringing jazz to a public generally starved of live entertainment. Like her brother Jack, who went on the road with territory bands led by pianist Peck Kelley and trumpeter Doc Ross, Norma found work in touring orchestras: but the first group she worked with in 1929 was based in New Mexico. Returning to Oklahoma in the 1930s she ended up leading her own band, garnering plenty of experience, but

working for tiny wages during the Depression. In the early 1940s, the whole family moved to Los Angeles. and Norma found work in San Pedro and Long Beach. playing with her own group



Jack and Norma Teagarden, 1957

and backing floorshows. She went on the road with Jack's big band from late 1943 to 1946, making her first records for Commodore in December 1944, including Big "T" Blues, in which Jack compliments her on her blues piano playing.

She endured the band's gruelling itinerary, made worse as the US call-up robbed them of players just as they had learnt the arrangements, and because of her brother's naive management. .

She left Jack's group, formed her own band and worked in and around Los Angeles with Dixieland bands like those of Many Matlock and Ben Pollack, until she went on the road with Ada Leonard, who led an allfemale band, in 1949.

Jack's big band had left him debt-ridden. Although he wiped some of this off, while a member of Louis Armstrong's All Stars, he reformed a small group of his own in the early 1950s primarily to try to settle his debts. Norma joined Jack. and again tolared and recorded with him, notably in late 1953 when her other brother Charlie played trumpet. The family were reunited one more time on record in 1963, not long before Jack's death, when they recorded at Monterev and their mother also ap-

peared briefly.

Norma left Jack's band, when she married John Friedlander. Marriage almost ended her playing career. although she continued to teach the piano. In 1975 she accepted an offer to play on a jazz cruise, and for over a decade afterwards came out of retirement to work regularly mainly at the Washington Bar and Grill. She recorded in The Netherlands on one European visit and also brought her group, the Marin County Band, to England. She recorded infrequently, and felt that since she did not have to play to live she would only play as long as she enjoyed it. Fortunately for all the admirers of her playing she continued to enjoy it well into the 1990s.

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On graduating, he joined the family firm and served his apprenticeship at various branches of Clan Line Steamers in this country and South Africa before being caught up by the Second World War. Commissioned into the Royal Scots Greys, Cayzer served in Palestine and the Western Desert as a major — but was nvalided home with ear trouble just before his own tank was blown up and his successor killed.

Rejoining the Clan Line, Cayzer worked in Glasgow and Liverpool before moving to the company's London headquarters in 1950. He succeeded his father to the title in 1958 and not long afterwards became deputy chairman of the British and Commonwealth Shipping Company formed by a merger of the Clan Line with Union Castle.

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nian Investments until six years ago when all three retired in favour of the youn-Lord Rotherwick owned racehorses as a hobby, including the trish Derby among his victories. But he sold out about five years ago, disappointed by his failure to win an English classic and disillusioned by the cut-throat professionalism which, he

complained, was turning the sport into a business. Instead he concentrated his attentions on his Ellm Combury Park. whose 6,000 acres he had bought in 1967 after selling his other estates. Queen Elizabeth I's favourite the Earl of Leicester had died there in 1588 (the bed in which he died is still there) while King Charles II and the Earl of Clarendon had been among its previous owners.

Lord Rotherwick was a shy well-read man with old-fashioned values and who was capable of great charm, though he could not see why the public should be allowed to roam through the woods which he paid to maintain. An active local Conservative he had once been turned down as a parliamentary candidate by Central Office.

His wife Sarah-Jane died after a stroke in 1978, aged 48, and he is survived by their three sons and one daughter. His eldest son succeeds him as the third baron.

> NEW WIMBLEDON. OPENING BY THE KING.

(From Our Special Correspo The fates yesterday were less kind to Commander Hillyard and those who had helped him to build the new Lawn Tennis Ground at Wimbledon than their energy and ingenuity deserved. Rain fell almost continually, and there was no play at all on the unprotected courts. But the worst did not happen. The ground was honoured by a visit from the King and Queen; the King formally opened the ground, and there was play on the

With play postponed there was the more opportunity for examining the ground and stand, and both came in for high praise, although some anxiety was expressed whether the courts, which are soft to the touch, would stand the strain of a formight's play. But most people were optimistic and informed one another in the drizzle that Mile. Lenglen had told them in the strictest confidence that she had never felt better in her life and was going to play after all. It is to be hoped that this information is correct, for the French lady will be, if possible, an even greater "draw" than she

The great question of Mile. Lenglen thus satisfactorily disposed of, the crowd, which,

ON THIS DAY

June 27, 1922

It was a great day for tennis when King George V and Queen Mary came to open what The Times called the New Lawn Tennis Ground at Wimbledon.

though smaller than was arranged for, was surprisingly large for the weather, took a late luncheon or early tea, and saw what Captain Stanley Peach, the architect, had done and decided it was very good.

Suddenly there was a stir under the shadows thrown by the deep roof of the stand. and it was seen that all the covered part was, in reality, dense with people. All stood up, a hidden band struck up the National Anthem. and the King and Queen, escorted by officials, entered the Royal Box. Their Majesties were most warmly greeted, and it was universally appreciated that they should have shown their good will to the New Ground and to the game

by being present when it was doubtful whether there would be any play for them to see. Then the rain relented. At 3.30 the King, who had withdrawn, returned to the Royal Box. He struck three blows on a gong—the ground was open. At once the reefers pulled back the tarpaulin-and very neatly they did itand the new Centre Court was revealed. To the eye it looked as smooth as if the green had been poured on molten, and, however it may play in the later stages, yesterday in appearance it was own brother to the old centre Court, and a big brother too. It was an hour behind the advertised time

when Colonel Kingscote and Mr. Godfree came out to play the first match. To Mr. Godfree fell the distinction of serving the first ball; to Colonel Kingscote that of being the first player to hit the net, into which he firmly and respectfully returned that historic service. After that Mr. Godfree made three pairs of faults. This opening game was not a great one—but everyone was too well pleased that it should have been possible to play it at all to be critical. It was won by Colonel Kingscote, as was the first set and the first match.

The court played true; it looked to be very fast, the ball coming straight on from the pitch without the least "hang." At the end of the match there were a few brownish footmarks in

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Bad PR adds to fear of flying

passengers on being told that their aircraft had developed a number of technical faults proves yet again just how scared people

are of flying trational though their fears may have been, within the past week three groups of British holidaymakers refused to get on board jets which, they had been assured, were serviceable.

Passengers on Excalibur Airways demanded that the airline charter another jet to take them to Florida after becoming convinced that the original DC10 was "jinxed" and the resulting publicity was so bad that last night the airline was forced into liquidation. dation. A group of Virgin



Travel **Business** HARVEY

equally alarmed when they were delayed for more than 48 hours by a series of faults on their Boeing 747 jumbo jet at San Francisco,

Problems can become exag-gerated with reports of a pilot having "slammed on the brakes" when, in fact, he abandoned a take-off perfectly safely; of jet fuel fumes apparently "choking" passengers; and of normal condensation drips proving that the fusciage was "leaking".

But they must be properly addressed — and above all they must never be allowed to persuade pilots to ignore technical problems, however minor, in an attempt to prevent a public relations difficulty.

As the summer peak holi-day season gets under way mechanical failures are inevitable, especially as charter airlines are using their jets to the maximum. Fortunately pilots carry out intense pre-flight cherks and do not take risks with safety.
That means that it is some-

times necessary for aircraft to be delayed so that engineers can investigate the cause of a pilot's unease or for a part to

Generally the bigger the airline the more able it will be to minimise any such delays by juggling its fleet and crews to provide replacements, or by leasing a spare aircraft.

C mall airlines rarely bave such spare capacity. Often their entire fleet is dispersed over thousands of miles. But this does not mean they are intrinsically any less safe or more prone to mechanical defects than their bigger rivast. Their fleets are maintained by the same engineers in the same hangars as the bigger airlines. And they are all watched over by inspectors from the Civil Aviation Authority. The real potential for trou-

ble comes when marketing men try to avoid having to explain to angry passengers why they are being delayed.

ideally, perhaps, there should always be a spare aircraft ready to operate services which might have run into technical difficulties. But economically that is unrealistic. Instead passengers must try to be patient.

When travelling by air it must surely be a better thing to arrive than to travel

Holiday bookings start to pick up

HOLIDAY sales in May outstripped last year's month on month figures for the first time this season as families have now started booking for the summer. Chris Rees, commer-cial manager for Thomas Cook, said: "Families are leaving it later to book this year's holiday."

More than 784,500 package holidays were sold in May, compared to 746.270 in the same month last year, according to industry research analysts Stats MR. But overall the market is still 10 per cent down

year on year.
Of the 8.5 million package holidays on sale for this summer, 5.9 million had been sold by the end of May. Peakseason holidays are now largety selling at brochure prices, with cheap deals available mainly for June or early July. The best of the few bargains expected for school holidays

will be to the Greek Islands,

Cyprus and France, where

sales are still running below 1995 levels, despite fewer holidays being available.

Cuts of 1.5 million packages were made earlier this year by tour operators, but most of islands, where demand is now

running in line with capacity.

Mr Rees said: "After the sluggish start to the season, there has been a steady increase in bookings since Easter. If it continues, we would expect Spain to finish

on a par with last summer." The new maturity among tour operators and the resurgence in appeal of Mediterra-nean package holidays this year has encouraged Thomas Cook to re-enter the market after an absence of six years.

The company will announce next week that it has bought package holiday specialist Sunworld, Britain's fifth biggest tour operator, which it will operate alongside its own

CORSELLERS FOR SUMMER LYON

	Sales to date	Compared with 1995 (%, to end May)
Balearic Islands Mainland Spain Greek Islands	655,500	
4 Canary Islands	532,000 455,000	
6 Florida	252,500	
9 Portugal	233,500 219,000	-18
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Haiti returns to the package business

BY TONY DAWE

HAITI, the country associated tributed to the travel trade and for so long with "Papa Doc" Duvalier and his feared Tontons Macoutes, is back on the tourism beat. Within four months of being

democratically elected as head of state, President René Préval has met officials of the Caribbean tourism and hotel organisations and a tourism master plan has been drawn up.

Large hotels in and around Port-au-Prince, the capital, are lit and ready to take visitors. having been kept in business by UN officials and aid workers in recent months. Smaller hotels and a Club Méditerranée are gearing up, and American Airlines is keen to help to enlarge facilities at the main airport.

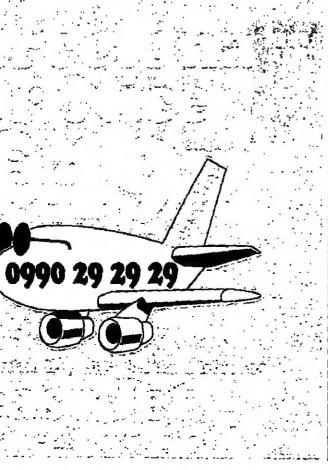
The meetings with President Préval were among the most productive conferences we have ever had with govern-ment officials," John Bell, vicepresident of the Caribbean Hotels Association, said. "It is also encouraging to see Haiti's public and private tourism sectors working together on the implementation of the tourism plan."

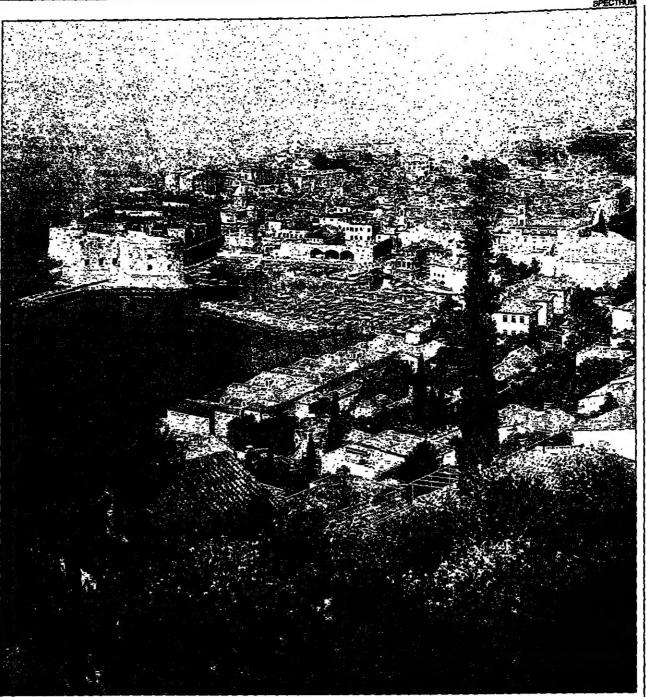
Michael Youngman, the marketing director of the Caribbean Tourism Organisation, said: "We have started carrying information about Haiti again in literature dis-

the country in our seminars and educational presentations and our public relations programme on both sides of the Atlantic will include Haiti. We are bringing the country out into the light again."

The country attracted more than 200,000 tourists, mostly from the United States, ten years ago, but the numbers have fallen dramatically during the years of troubles while the Dominican Republic, sep-arated from Haiti by a mountain range, has boomed. Haiti has the largest inventory of hotel rooms in the Caribbean and offers mostly beach and resort holidays to package tourists from North America, Germany, Italy and, increas-

ingly, Britain. The Caribbean tourist board is concentrating on showing off Haiti's culture. history and arts and crafts. Even from a geographical point of view, it is unique," Mr Youngman said. If you head north from Port-au-Prince by road, you pass through vil-lages reminiscent of West Africa and then across a plain where the water buffaloes and rice paddies remind you of Asia, while the mountains in the north have an Andean





Now that flights have resumed to Croatia, Dubrovnik, one of Europe's most handsome cities, hopes to win back the tourists

Croatia back on the tourist map

CROATIA'S struggling tourist industry has received an important fillip from the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). A loan of more than £20 million will help finance the upgrading of hotels, marinas, camp sites and other facilities.

Marc Mogull of the EBRD explained: "Though direct war damage was limited, the use of hotels to house refugees has left these facilities in desperate need of repair. The loan signals to the international markets that Croatian tourism is

With charter flights from UK airports

EURO DISNEY is planning

to develop a new town on the

edge of its Disneyland Paris

theme park resort which will

contain houses and flats for at

least 1,500 residents, a giant

shopping mall, offices, a busi-

ness park and a campus for

the nearby university.

Disney has already started

development work on the new

town, to be called Val

d'Europe, and is making pre-

sentations to business inves-

tors to finance the scheme. The

projected cost of Val d'Europe,

scheduled to open its first

phase by 2000, is about five

billion francs (E640 million)

but because of its fragile

Disneyland: Paris expansion

BY MARTIN SYMINGTON

10,000 British holidaymakers are expected to visit Croatia on inclusive package holidays this year, according to Jose Lozic of the Croatia National Tourist Office in London. However, the road back to the pre-war days when up to half a million Britons a year basked on Yugoslav beaches, the great majority in present-day Croatia, looks a long one.

Mr Lozic said "Croatia desperately needs investment after four years of total

stagnation. Tourism is crucially important to the country, so this loan is very welcome, although we hope it will be

Waterloo to the heart of the

theme park resort at Marne-

La-Vallée this Saturday. There

will be a daily train service

until September 29 priced at

£139 return a person, includ-

ing one night's accommoda-

tion and a pass to the theme

park. Details: 0990 030303.

Themed marketing as

Disney goes to town

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

financial state. Euro Disney is

expected to invest only about

Philippe Bourguignon.

chairman of Euro Disney, says the new town will be an

important feature of the future

development of the region and

the success of the theme park

Val d'Europe is similar in

concept to the new town called

Celebration which Disney is

building close to its theme

park in Florida. Celebration,

on 5,000 acres of land, is

eventually planned to have a

population of 20,000 when the

final phases are completed in

2016. It has been criticised,

however, for adopting too strict criteria for potential residents, who will have to

conform to the Disney image.

present whether or not its

residents at Val d'Europe will

have to adhere to certain

standards before being al-

lowed to buy or rent property.

Its investment literature talks

only of creating "a positive

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Fr100 million (E13 million).

perceptions linger, and the return of the British is proving to be slow."

The majority of holidaymakers in Croatia are Germans, Austrians and Italians who drive to resorts such as Porec in the north of the country. Further south, the historic city of Dubrovnik is far more dependent on the air charters, and hence the British market.

expanded. The problem is that negative

Specialist operator Phoenix Holidays is the only UK company offering a full range of Croatian resorts, but unconfirmed reports in the travel trade suggest that leading operators are set to include Croatia in their 1997 brochures.

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Colonel to the rescue

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Col Blashford-Snell still needs more expert helpers for the expedition, which leaves Britain on August 17.

The mission to Ethiopia in October to provide an ecotourism guide to the Magdala area, scene of a battle between-Britain and Abyssinia in 1868. also needs more helpers. Scientific Exploration Society, Expedition Base, Motcombe, Shaftesbury, Dorset SP7 9PB.

From Russia.

THE RUSSIANS are developing a taste for foreign travel and within the past five years have become some of Europe's most prolific holidaymakers A new survey by European, Travel Monitor of Munich shows that travellers from Russia, the Ukraine and Belorussia last year took 33 million trips abroad, about the same number as those from France, and The Netherlands.

Quick visa

FROM October, travellers from the UK will be able toreceive an Australian visa instantly when they book their flights. Visa stamps are to be replaced by an electronic system working through trav-el agents and airlines. DOVERTISE CA NII 431 1989 T

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Bye bye boards

ONE of England's 11 remaining regional tourist boards is to be dissolved, and its duties shared by two neighbouring boards. The East Midlands region is to be divided between the existing East Anglia and Heart of England boards. The move is intended to reduce bureaucracy and save money. after government funding cuts. But holidaymakers may find local information harder to obtain. And hotels and tourist attractions may refuse to support the new-look regional

Easy money?

TRAVELLERS cheques are about to be challed new brainwave, the holiday credit card. The Royal Bank of Scotland has launched a pilot scheme for what it calls are electronic Travellers Cheques or Visa Travel/Money Cardi-Holidaymakers load be-tween £100 and £5,000 onto an electronic card and can their withdraw cash 24 hours a day. in local currencies from a global network of 270,000 mischines at Visa outlets in 98

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BRITTANY Ferries this week launched three-day "value plus" crossings to France from 145 for a car and up to five people. The fares can be mibined with hotel vouchers costing E15.50 per person. Details: 0990 360360.

P&O European Ferries has mini-cruise fares on its Portsmouth-Bilbao route throughout the year from £59 per person, based on two travelling including cabin. Details: 0990 980980.

STENA Line is selling peak return crossings on the Dover-Calais route for £98 aboard its Stena Cumbria ship only, to include a car and up to nine passengers. The company also has short breaks, including ferry and one night B&B in Normandy, from E65 per person. Details: 0990 707070.

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WEEKEND BREAK

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NEWS

Tory support hits three-year peak

England's Euro 96 victory over Spain last Saturday was followed by a sharp rise in support for the Conservatives to the highest level for more than three years, according to the latest MORI poll for The Times.

The poll, undertaken over last weekend, puts the Tories on 31 per cent, up four points on last month. Labour has slipped two points to 52 per cent...

All quiet on the West End front

England's rush-hour streets and railway stations emptied into pubs and living rooms last night as an estimated 20 million viewers gathered in front of their televisions to watch the Euro 96 semi-final. By 7.30pm, a relative calm descended on the main thoroughfares of London, punctuated by shouts and cheers from pubs packed with workers_____Page 1

Journalist killed

An Irish woman journalist investigating drug barons was killed in a gangland-style execution. Veronica Guerin, 33, was an awardwinning reporter Pages I, Z. 21

Saudi Arabia offered an unprece-

£1.75m reward

dented reward of £1.75 million for information leading to the capture of terrorists responsible for the lorry bomb..... Pages 1, 12, 13 Labour shift

in a dramatic shift in Labour's current policy on devolution, the party will pledge today to let the people decide if they want a Scottish Parliament and if it should have tax-raising powers __Page 2

Portillo's dilemma

Michael Portillo was facing one of his toughest challenges since becoming Defence Secretary as he tried to persuade sceptical Tory backbenchers to support his plan to sell off 60,000 servicePage 2 married quarters.....

Family's outrage The family of a rookie police of-

ficer whose career was cut short by a Jamaican gumman, was outraged that his killer was found not guilty of murderPage 3

Tube strike

London commuters face disruption today as striking Underground train drivers threaten to

Poorer cousin

A survey of trends in the expanded Europe of 15 states shows most of Britain is poorer than the rest of the European Union. Only the South-East and East Anglia are better off...

Doctors' fears

The BMA issued a warning that records of patients stored on a NHS computer network could be obtained by insurance companies and employers because security is .Page 8

Veterans' claim

After a 16-year campaign, 14,000 PoWs who claim they lost pay during the Second World War have won a fresh review of their cases. They believe they are owed as much as £90 million _ Page 9

Arab anger

Warren Christopher was the target of Arab scorn when he arrived in Cairo having failed to secure any major concessions from Israel's new leader Honest Lebed

Unlike many Russian generals who have made a fortune, General Aleksandr Lebed, Russia's new security chief, is seen as an honest Page 12

US official quits

Hearings into "Filegate" opened with a flourish on Capitol Hill when the White House official bring the Tube network to a most responsible announced his Page 5 resignation

French dig up old bones in beef war

■ The French press has uncovered a report by Victor Hugo, the 19th-century author, describing how Britain used human and animal remains from Napoleonic battlefields to nourish its cattle. Le Canard Enchaîné, declared: "If English cattle have turned mad, the cause is historical; the cows were nourished on



The Prince of Wales stands on the Giant's Causeway in Northern Island while the Royal Yacht Britannia lies off shore. Report, page 3

Charges: Insider dealing charges have been brought against the former director of strategy at Eastern Group, the largest regional electricity company -

Petrol: The Office of Fair Trading has turned down pleas from independent petrol retailers for an investigation into Esso's "Pricewatch campaign ____Page 25

Flotation: British Energy, the nuclear power generator, could be priced as cheaply as £1.26 billion when it floats off on the stock-...Page 25

Marketa: The FT-SE 100 Index rose 16.0 points to close at 3695.5. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 86.0 to 85.9 after a rise from \$1.5408 to \$1.5426 but a fall from DM2_3600 to DM2_3579__ Page 28

SPORT

Football: Miroslav Kadlec scored the penalty which gave the Czech Reopublic a 6-5 victory over France in the European championship after the match had ended 0-0 after ...Page 45

Termis: Monica Seles, the No 2 seed, became the latest leading player to make an early exit from Wimbledon when she was beaten 7-5, 5-7. 6-4 by Katarina Studenikova, of Slovakia, in the second round of the women's Page 40

Cricket: Middlesex have cancelled the contract of Dion Nash, their overseas player, after a series of specialists failed to identify the cause of a back injury. He will return to New Zealand for pro-... Page 42 longed rest ...

ning. The air will feel tresher,

Scotland and Northern Ireland will

have a dry start but cloud will thicken, with rain in west by the afternoon and

spreading to most other parts by late evening. Quite mild.

London, S E England, E Anglia, Central S England: cloudy at first, becoming brighter, further cloud in evening. Wind light, mainly westerly. Warm. Max 22C (72F).

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erly, Mild. Max 21C (70F).

☐ E Midlands, E England,

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asion: New films include the latest from the British director Philip Ridley, a bizarre fantasy called The Passion of Darkly Noon: and Jon Bon Jovi in Moonlight and Valentino ____ Page 36

Epic staging: A production of War and Peace has gone on stage at the National Theatre. It lasts from 6.30pm to 11pm, but time passes in an enjoyable twinkle," Benedict Nightingale writes Page 38 Authentic Smetana: The City of

London Festival has opened with a "period instrument" performance of Smetana's orchestral cycle Ma Bausch in Paris: Pina Bausch, the

great German choreographer, appears in her latest work, premiered last week in Paris

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

FEATURES

Eton's outcast: Was Anthony Chenevix-Trench fired as headmaster because he indulged in the cane and the bottle?.....

BODY AND SHIP

Fighting cancer: A Sixties model is inspiring other sufferers not to give in to terminal myeloma..... Page 16 Dr Thomas Stutisford on the example set by Lord Denning, now 97, who has made his own home safe for frail limbs and intends to stay

BOOKS

Past greats: Peter Stothard on Caesar's attempt at European union; John Gummer on great people; Peter Ackroyd on Matthew Arnold; Jeanette Winterson admires Picasso's changing faces Pages 34, 35

held up by a fault in an aircraft,

THE PARTY His pact with the Basque Nationalists means that José Maria Aznar can now rely on the support of the principal nationalist groups in his investiture as Prime Minister. There could soon also be a stable alliance of the entire Centre-Right,

Preview: A Chester detective takes his camcorder on the beat. Video Diaries (BBC2, 9.30pm); Review; Matthew Bond bids farewell to a mildly venomous mason .. Page 47.

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Flawed reform

The creation of a new tranche of professional politicians in competition with Westminster and with a direct line to Brussels would be likely to institutionalise instability. The Commons may be an imperfect guardian of the nation's liberties; but its capacity to defend them would be undermined from within by the establishment of rival legislatures.....

The common enemy

This atrocity should assist the American drive to convince Arab governments and security forces that terrorism is their common

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

South Africa probably now has the highest unemployment of any substantial country. The European Union is one of the world's highunemployment regions, with average levels above 10 per cent. South Africa's is three times as high; even this alarming level is rising sharply. Obviously, the great majority of the unemployed are black. Page 18 MAGNUS LINKLATER

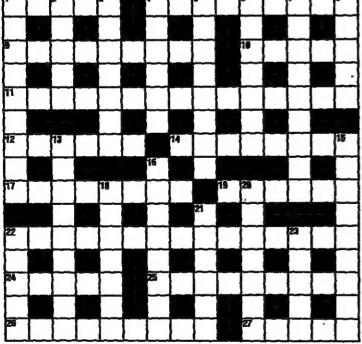
Tony Blair's change of heart about

devolution will be seen less as a robust response to John Major's line than as a way of appeasing the "devo-scepties" in Mr Blair's own JOHN BRYANT

Forget the grey shirts - the real problem of Euro 96 is the yellow cards. The referees have been handing them out like souvenirs: and far from improving the tournament, they have been getting in the way of what the crowds have come to see - the football Page 43

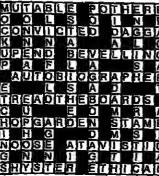
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- 4 Irritating translation of NT Epis-, tle [9]. 9 Referring to names on circular
- letter, by gum (9). 10 Cut a dash during keep fit session
- 11 It's the thing that's fixed first (8,7).
- 12 Words used by Israeli ambassador encountering plot (6).
- 14 Left leg in wader (8). 17 Sauce for covering carcase (8).
- 22 Take to an appreciative audience
- very quickly (4,3,8). 24 Golf club's first lost near a place in
- 25 Could platonic arrangement with
 - maiden be agreeable? (9).

Solution to Puzzle No 20,204



- 26 What no rough-and-ready wit will do keenly (9). 27 Wine from Germany's okay after port (5).
- 1 Overcome by passion, she would murder (9).
- 2 A kid brought up to be unfriendly 3 Irish boozer says this ale isn't
- drunk (7). 4 Nice way to describe the little woman! (6).
- 5 Philosopher's note about values 6 Drive up motorway, upset after
- crash (7). 7 Reorganise ancient
- university, say (9). 8 Subject matter originally included
- by you, now out of date (5). 13 Failure to provide analysis (9).
- 15 Suffering trauma? Ask for a book about it! (4,5).
- 16 Give a better price than what butcher may offer (8).
- 18 Place in plot where Greek character turns up (7). 20 Dotty artist losing head - he
- drinks a lot (7). 21 Through eating fruit, achieves 200dness! (6).
- 22 Love to go round on a horse (3,2). 23 Religious books are exalting goddess (5).
 - Times Two Crossword, page 48

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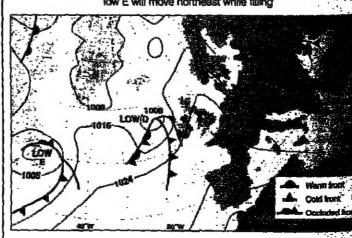
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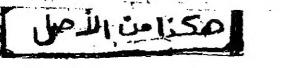
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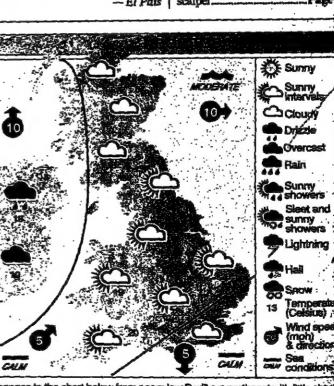
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